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GOP nixed pitch to close tax loopholes

White House's proposals were rejected during debt ceiling talks

BY JEFF STEIN

The White House recently gave Republican congressional leadership a list of proposals to reduce the deficit by closing tax loopholes during the ongoing negotiations over the federal budget and the debt ceiling. But Republican negotiators rejected every item, according to three people familiar with the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe confidential deliberations.

On a phone call last week, senior White House officials floated about a dozen tax plans to reduce the deficit as part of a broader budget agreement with House Republicans, including a measure aimed at cryptocurrency transactions and another for large real estate investors, two of the people said. They were all swiftly rejected by the GOP aides on the call, the people said.

Fueling a sense of urgency in the negotiations, Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen affirmed Monday in a letter to congressional leaders that the debt ceiling must be raised soon or the government could run out of money to pay all of its bills as soon as June 1.

The talks are being led by House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.) and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.), in addition to White House offi-

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As Compton shifts, leaders look the same

The city near Los Angeles, known for its Black culture, is now almost 70 percent Latino. A group of vaqueros wants the council to reflect that.

BY SILVIA FOSTER-FRAU

Johan Hernandez Jauregui does rope tricks as members of Connecting Compton prepare for their weekly horseback ride, hoping to show the city's 93,000 residents a Mexican American tradition indicative of the community.

COMPTON, CALIF. — The riders on horseback clopped past corner stores and barking dogs, through busy downtown streets and along a creek feeding the Los Angeles River, spurs on their boots, sombreros on their heads and chaps riding up their calves.

"This is the forgotten Compton," Rogelio Diaz said on a recent Sunday, while riding his 12-year-old horse, Yolie.

The city south of Los Angeles is known as one of the great hubs of Black culture, producing countless Black athletes, rap legends and other celebrities, from Serena and Venus Williams to N.W.A. and Kendrick Lamar.

But Compton is no longer a Black city.

Forty years ago, the city's population was 74 percent Black; now it is nearly 70 percent Latino.

On weekly rides, Diaz and other members of his nonprofit, Connecting Compton, want to remind the city's 93,000 residents that vaqueros on horseback — a Mexican American tradition — are as representative of this community as the pop culture references for which it's better known.

Public perception isn't the biggest obstacle Compton's Latino activists say they face to gaining greater recognition: The city's leadership still reflects its demographic past, with an all-Black city council and school board. It has never had a Latino mayor. Compton is part of a congressional district represented by a Latina lawmaker, but its first and sole Latino council member was ousted last year after being accused of

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Report sharply critical of FBI

TRUMP SPECIAL COUNSEL CITES BIAS

Partisanship looms in 2016 probe assessment

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND PERRY STEIN

Special counsel John Durham has issued a long-awaited report that sharply criticizes the FBI for investigating the 2016 Trump campaign based on "raw, unanalyzed, and uncorroborated intelligence" — a conclusion that may fuel rather than end partisan debate about politicization within the Justice Department and FBI.

Durham was tapped in 2019 by President Donald Trump's attorney general, William P. Barr, to reexamine how government agents hunted for possible links between the Trump campaign and Russian efforts to interfere in the presidential election. The very appointment — of an investigator to reinvestigate the investigators — led to significant criticism from current and former law enforcement officials.

The report, coming almost four years to the day since Durham's assignment began, will probably be derided by Democrats as the end of a partisan boondoggle. Republicans will have to wrestle with a much-touted investigation

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Hints of an Alzheimer's 'pathway for protection'

Man held off disease for decades despite having dreaded gene mutation

BY CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON

When a Colombian man was first evaluated by neurologists at age 67, he was cognitively normal, and neither he nor his family had concerns about his memory. So scientists began to follow his extraordinary case closely.

The patient — a mechanic who was a husband and father of two — had been born with a particularly sinister gene mutation that should have doomed him to dementia before his 50th birthday.

Instead, his life had been one of remarkable resilience, bucking the script written in his genes. The cognitive impairment that should have started at age 44 stayed at bay for more than two decades. Rather than dying in his early 60s, he retired. He did eventually develop moderate dementia, and he passed away in 2019 at the age of 74.

This man is only the second patient identified with the miraculous ability to defy the devastating Alzheimer's gene, an international team of scientists report in the journal Nature Medicine. Doctors hope the two known cases will allow researchers to develop new treatments to protect other people with Alzheimer's disease, which affects 6.7 million people in the United States.

The researchers sifted through the man's genome to identify a different mutation that may have helped protect him against the disease. They also used brain scans taken when he was 73 to home in on a key region that appears to have been relatively protected against the tau protein tangles that typically occur in Alzheimer's patients.

"I think it's important that we listen to the patients. And I think what the patients are telling us is … there is a pathway for protection," said Joseph F. Arboleda-Velasquez, an associate scientist at Mass Eye and Ear, a Harvard teaching hospital, and one of the leaders of the study.

"These are very provocative findings, and I do think these cases have something very important to teach us about resilience to disease and the biology" of Alzheimer's, said Gil Rabinovici, a neurologist at the University

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Members of Voices for a Safer Tennessee advocate gun-control measures at a Senate legislative session at the state Capitol in Nashville on April 20, weeks after a mass killing at a private school in the city.

A supermajority's will in Tennessee

Ruby-red House fixates on culture war as public seeks action on other fronts

BY KEVIN SULLIVAN

NASHVILLE — Two dozen people sat silently in the visitors' gallery overlooking the Tennessee House of Representatives, holding signs that said, "Our children are watching you."

They were furious about a Nashville school shooting three weeks earlier in which a former student carrying an AR-15-style rifle and other guns killed six people, including three 9-year-olds.

Protests since then had been nearly nonstop, and polls showed that a large majority of people across this Republican-controlled state supported at least

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2 staffers of Connolly assaulted at Va. office

BY JUSTIN JOUVENAL AND OLIVIA DIAZ

A man wielding a metal baseball bat assaulted two staffers in the Fairfax City office of Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.) on Monday, then smashed windows and a computer in an apparent rage after learning that the lawmaker wasn't there, before he was taken into custody, police and the congressman said.

Fairfax City police and the U.S. Capitol Police, who are jointly investigating the incident, charged 49-year-old Xuan Kha Tran Pham of Fairfax County, Va., with one count of aggravated malicious wounding and another count of malicious wounding.

The attack left an intern and the congressman's outreach director with serious but not life-threatening injuries, Connolly said in an interview. Authorities say the motive is still under investigation.

The attack comes as members of Congress in recent years have

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DeSantis signs bill to defund diversity programs at Fla. colleges

Law also places limits on how public universities can discuss race in class

BY JACK STRIPLING

Joining a national wave of conservative attacks on programs that promote diversity in higher education, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) signed a bill into law Monday to defund such efforts at the state's public colleges and limit how race can be discussed in many courses.

Critics of the new law worry it is trampling on academic freedom and could hurt efforts they say are critical to serving increasingly diverse student populations. But DeSantis and other opponents of diversity, equity and inclusion programs say they reinforce racial divisions and promote liberal orthodoxy.

"If you look at the way this has actually been implemented across the country, DEI is better viewed as standing for discrimination, exclusion and indoctrination," DeSantis said at a news conference at New College of Florida in Sarasota. "And that has no place in our public institutions. This bill says the whole experiment with DEI is coming to an end in the state of Florida."

DeSantis, who is expected to launch a bid for the White House, has made "culture war" issues a major focus as governor.

Florida's new law joins legislation in 19 other states where lawmakers have targeted diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs, according to a tracking project from the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Under the new law, Florida's public colleges are prohibited from spending state or federal money on DEI efforts. These programs often assist colleges in increasing student and faculty diversity, which can apply to race and ethnicity, as well as sexual orientation, religion and socioeconomic status. The bill does not prohibit colleges from spending money on such programs if they are required by federal law.

The law also forbids public colleges from offering general education courses — which are part of the required curriculum for all college students — that "distort significant historical events," teach "identity politics," or are "based on theories that systemic racism, sexism, oppression, or privilege are inherent in the institutions of the United States and were created to maintain social, political, or economic inequities."

DeSantis said students who want to study "niche subjects," such as critical race theory, ought to look elsewhere. "Florida's getting out of that game," he said. "If you want to do things like gender ideology, go to Berkeley."

Students can still major in areas such as African American studies and gender studies. But the legislation has inspired concerns that professors will be limited in how they teach those courses — whether they're part of the general education curriculum or not. For example, the law requires the university system's Board of Governors to review programs and curriculums on its campuses, identifying any that run afoul of the banned concepts.

The Florida legislation has been met with backlash at both the state and national level, where higher-education experts and First Amendment advocates say the state is trampling on academic freedom. They say the law will have an immediate chilling effect on faculty members, who may avoid covering controversial subjects altogether.

"It's basically state-mandated censorship, which has no place in a democracy," Irene Mulvey, president of the American Association of University Professors, said in a recent interview with The Washington Post.

Mulvey called the bill in Florida and other legislation like it a "dog whistle appeal" to the conservative base, and part of a "coordinated campaign to maintain White supremacy."

The governor held the bill signing on the campus of New College of Florida, a public liberal arts college where DeSantis recently appointed a group of conservative trustees. Eliminating New College's DEI office was among the newly constituted board's first orders of business.

The signing ceremony drew protesters, whose chants could be heard inside the event space. Christopher Rufo, one of the new trustees, spoke during the event, deriding the demonstrators for what he called their "kindergarten-level protests." Rufo is a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank, where he co-wrote model anti-DEI legislation.

"Florida's farmers and waitresses and truck drivers should not be subsidizing a permanent bureaucracy of left-wing activists who hate them and hate their values," said Rufo, a Georgetown University graduate who lives in the Seattle area.

> *"It's basically state-mandated censorship, which has no place in a democracy."*
> **Irene Mulvey,** president of the American Association of University Professors, in a recent interview with The Washington Post



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Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) signs education bills Monday at New College of Florida in Sarasota. "DEI is better viewed as standing for discrimination, exclusion and indoctrination," he said there.

Targeting higher education

Bills targeting college DEI programs in other states have also drawn opposition from students and faculty. In Texas last week, some students waited up to 19 hours for a chance to testify against a bill that would ban DEI offices, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Students said DEI offices offered critical resources for underrepresented minorities and first-generation students, who may need customized help navigating college life.

At the same time, conservatives say the influence of DEI offices has led to the creation of litmus tests for faculty members, who may be required to sign statements committing to diversity. The University of Wisconsin's system president recently told lawmakers that the university would do away with any such statements.

A spate of new laws have been passed in recent years that shape or ban discussions about race or gender at the K-12 level, but eight states, including Florida, now have "educational gag orders" that apply to higher education, according to Jeremy Young, a program director at PEN America, a nonprofit group that advocates free expression.

"The focus on higher ed has accelerated," Young said.

The first wave of such legislation targeting "divisive concepts" came in 2021 with laws in Idaho, Iowa and Oklahoma, Young said.

It is fine for lawmakers to set standards for public colleges, such as a civics requirement for students, said Joe Cohn, a First Amendment lawyer. But banning ideas is a different matter. "The case law is clear that the government can't select certain ideas that it dislikes and ban them from college classrooms," said Cohn, legislative and policy director at the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression.

Florida's efforts to limit concepts covered in college classrooms have already been met with opposition in court. In November, a federal judge blocked the state from enforcing portions of the so-called Stop WOKE Act that restricted what professors could teach.

Nationally, faculty members say, they are concerned about lawmakers making it easier to retaliate against professors for their ideas. A bill in Texas targeting tenure, for example, has been met with fierce opposition.

Florida's new law states that a personnel decision, such as dismissal, cannot be appealed beyond the university president. That would eliminate opportunities to dispute such actions through arbitration, which is commonly used today, said Andrew Gothard, the president of the United Faculty of Florida, a union representing professors and others.

"They're trying to stop faculty from having any ability to protest being targeted for their political viewpoints," Gothard said.

DeSantis said Monday he would like to see presidents and trustees, rather than a "cabal of faculty," empowered to run the universities. The state's public college governing boards are mostly DeSantis's political appointees or people with deep ties to the Republican Party. Two recently appointed college presidents include Ben Sasse, a former Republican U.S. senator, who leads the University of Florida; and Richard Corcoran, DeSantis's former education commissioner, who was named interim president of New College after the governor's board shake-up.

DIGEST

NEW MEXICO

3 killed in shooting; officers among 7 hurt

Three people were killed and two police officers were among at least seven people injured Monday when an 18-year-old opened fire in a northwestern New Mexico community before law enforcement fatally shot the suspect, authorities said.

The shootings occurred around 11 a.m. in Farmington, a city of about 50,000 people near the Utah state line that is a supply line and bedroom community to the region's oil and natural gas industry.

Officers responding to several calls about a shooting found "a chaotic scene" where a man was firing at people on a residential street, Farmington Police Deputy Chief Baric Crum said.

Police confronted the suspect before fatally shooting him. They found three people dead.

Crum did not identify the suspect and said he didn't know the ages of any of the victims. Police were trying to determine why he was in the neighborhood.

Joseph Robledo, a 32-year-old tree trimmer, said he rushed home after learning that his wife and 1-year-old daughter had sought shelter in the laundry room when gunshots rang out. A bullet went through his daughter's window and room, without hitting anyone.

Robledo jumped a fence to get in through the back door. Out front he found an older woman in the street who had been wounded while driving by. She appeared to have fallen out of her car, which kept rolling without her, he said.

San Juan Regional Medical Center received seven injured people, including a Farmington police officer and a state police officer. Roberta Rogers, a hospital spokeswoman, would not comment on their status.

Mayor Nate Duckett said both had been shot but that their injuries were not life-threatening.

"There are no other known threats at this time," police said, adding that city, San Juan County and New Mexico State Police officers were involved.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives tweeted that agents from Phoenix were headed to Farmington.

— Associated Press

OREGON

Boycott disqualifies 3 senators from office

Two Republicans and an Independent taking part in a boycott that has stalled hundreds of bills in the Oregon Senate, including measures on abortion and gender-affirming care, were disqualified Monday from reelection under a new constitutional amendment aimed at stopping such walkouts.

The GOP-led walkout of the Democrat-dominated Senate has stretched to 10 days, though some participating lawmakers have rotated in and out since the boycott began May 3. Each of the three affected senators accumulated 10 unexcused absences, making them ineligible to serve in the Legislature for the period after their terms expire under a ballot measure voters passed overwhelmingly last year.

"The majority of Senate Republicans continue to walk off the job that the voters elected them to do, in which our Constitution compels them to attend," Senate President Rob Wagner said from the Senate podium. He added in an email: "Three senators have now unnecessarily disqualified themselves from a subsequent term in the Legislature."

The three boycotting senators who reached the 10-day limits for automatic disqualification are Republicans Dennis Linthicum and Daniel Bonham and Independent Brian Boquist.

Ballot Measure 113 was passed by almost 70 percent of voters last November as a method to end walkouts that have plagued the Legislature for several years. It is now written into the state Constitution.

— Associated Press

GEORGIA

2 dead in shooting at motorcycle club event

Two people were killed and four were injured when more than 150 shots were fired in a gunfight between rival motorcycle clubs in Augusta, Ga., a sheriff said Monday.

The Richmond County Sheriff's Office charged 12 people with murder and aggravated assault in the shootout on Saturday night, including the four injured people, Sheriff Richard Roundtree said.

The violence erupted at the clubhouse of the Outcast Motorcycle Club's Augusta chapter near an apartment complex and single-family homes, the sheriff said. Deputies recovered more than 150 spent shell casings, he said, some of them found a block away.

Investigators believe the gunfight stemmed from a prior dispute in Florida involving Outcast members and another motorcycle club known as the Thug Riders, Roundtree said.

Of the 12 people arrested, he said, 11 came from out of town — including one from Florida and three from North Carolina. He said those arrested included members of both clubs.

Richmond County Coroner Mark Bowen identified the dead as Keith Coates, 30, of Valdosta, Ga., and , 51, of Daytona Beach, Fla.

— Associated Press





POLITICS & THE NATION

As ocean claims N.C. houses, major fixes are out of reach

Local officials say they can't afford buyouts or sand replenishment

BY BRADY DENNIS



JAHI CHIKWENDIU/THE WASHINGTON POST

Ocean waves roll onto the beach near houses in Rodanthe, N.C., in December. Local residents have asked officials to do more to protect the eroding shore, but a recent report published by Dare County, which includes Rodanthe, highlighted the huge costs of many options. "We don't have that amount of money," county manager Bobby Outten said.

It's been a rough stretch for Rodanthe, N.C., a scenic sliver of the Outer Banks where houses are crumbling into the ocean, owners are paying to move properties farther from the pounding surf and residents are pushing officials to do more to protect the fast-eroding shoreline.

At a town meeting early this year, Dare County's manager, Bobby Outten, explained that the local government couldn't begin to fund the type of extensive beach nourishment that would buy Rodanthe more time from the encroaching sea. But he did promise to undertake an engineering assessment so residents would know just how much it might cost to dredge offshore sediment and add a new expanse of beach.

In recent days, the county published those figures in a 35-page report, and they underscore the unenviable predicament facing Rodanthe — a quandary that scientists say other imperiled communities like it are sure to confront as seas rise and storms intensify.

A one-time beach nourishment in the area would cost as much as $40 million, the report found — roughly double the amount a similar study found a decade earlier. Maintaining that beach over 30 years would cost more than $175 million. The report details other potential options, such as installing structures to help slow erosion, but every path comes with a massive price tag.

"It's a big number and it's a lot of money, and we don't have that amount of money," Outten said in an interview. "We don't have a method to fund a project of that scale."

The balance in Dare County's beach nourishment fund, which comes from a tax on hotels and vacation rentals and must go toward multiple projects in the sprawling county, stood at $6 million earlier this year.

Outten said that for nourishment to become a reality in Rodanthe, "there's going to have to be some kind of a funding source somewhere, other than locally." And yet, no significant influx of money from the state or federal government seems likely in the short term.

Around the time the county's latest estimate was released, Rob Young, a Western Carolina University professor and director of the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, was finishing a different kind of estimate about Rodanthe.

In a Raleigh ballroom, Young told attendees at an Association of State Floodplain Managers conference that to buy out all the houses in Rodanthe within 300 feet of the high-tide line, using their current assessed tax value, would cost roughly $43 million, while avoiding repeated beach nourishments.

It amounts to about 80 structures, the vast majority of which are vacation homes and which, according to Young, make up only a small fraction of the county's tax base. Meanwhile, his study found, "by removing these properties Rodanthe will likely have a viable beach for 15 to 25 years."

As with beach nourishment, there is no funding for such an undertaking, and there is limited appetite among homeowners or elected officials. And Young is clear that his study isn't intended to recommend any one approach.

But his point is that as sea levels rise and flooding plagues a growing number of places along U.S. coasts, communities should consider taking a step back in thoughtful ways — and at least do the math about what such an option would cost, especially when taxpayer money is at stake.

"There will be retreat," Young told the Raleigh audience. "The question is, do you want that retreat to be managed or unmanaged? Because right now, it is largely unmanaged."

Young is among those who say Rodanthe's struggles embody the thorny environmental, economic and emotional challenges that more coastal communities will face as increased flooding forces hard choices about what to protect along the nation's shorelines and when to take a step back.

In Rodanthe, where four houses have collapsed since early 2022 and at least a dozen others remain in serious danger, erosion rates have hit a dozen feet per year in some spots. As seas continue to rise and some property owners pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to move houses inland as far as possible, Young sees a place that should at least be pondering retreat.

"If we can't have a rational discussion about relocation and buyouts of structures in a place like Rodanthe ... then how can we do it anywhere?" Young said in an interview.

Outten, the county manager, said buyouts are an unlikely option for multiple reasons, among them the unlikelihood that property owners — many of whom rely on rental income during the summer months — would walk away. Buying scores of homes would also mean a hit to local property and occupancy taxes. And eventually, he said, officials might still need to take measures to safeguard nearby Highway 12, the main artery through the Outer Banks.

"At some point, you're going to [have to] do a nourishment anyway," Outten said. "Protecting the houses becomes secondary."

Cynthia Doughty, who has lived in her oceanfront home on South Shore Drive for more than two decades, is holding out hope that the state or federal government will see fit to help fund a beach nourishment in Rodanthe.

Doughty has been out of her house since a storm last May sent the surf under her foundation and the county deemed it unsafe. She has since had the house relocated to a new foundation roughly 75 feet farther from the intruding sea, and she plans to move back in soon.

"I'm not going anywhere," she said about the prospect of buyouts. She spoke of wildfires in California, tornadoes in the Midwest and other hazards that people in different parts of the country face. "I'll deal with the ocean."

Just to the north, on Seagull Street, Gus Gusler feels the same. He is among the dozen property owners on the street who are planning to move their homes farther from the sea, and to pay a significant amount out of pocket, to buy more time.

Gusler has steered clear of the arguments about beach nourishment and who should fund it, but he also has little interest in a buyout. He has his house booked by vacationers this summer, and he plans to continue using it the rest of the year.

"People just like being on the oceanfront. There's just something about it," Gusler said. "It would take a lot of money for me to give that up."

Given the price tags of the options detailed in the recent studies, as well as the lack of obvious funding sources, Rodanthe seems destined to remain as vulnerable as ever for the moment. Even folks who agree on little else seemed to agree that isn't a good thing.

"The absolute worst option is to do nothing," said Young, noting that the status quo is the least desirable and most environmentally harmful path. "What we can't do is just say, 'Let's let all those houses slowly but surely fall into the sea over the next two decades.' That's absurd."

Outten said officials at different levels of government continue to look for ways to help coastal communities such as Rodanthe. But the fixes probably won't be fast, or cheap.

"If there was an easy answer," he said, "we'd already have done it."

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Durham report sharply criticizes FBI's 2016 probe



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Special counsel John Durham's probe produced paltry results in court: Two people that he charged with crimes were found not guilty, while a former FBI lawyer pleaded guilty to altering an email related to a court application for surveillance of an adviser to Donald Trump.

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that has cost taxpayers more than $6.5 million and didn't send a single person to jail, even though Trump once predicted that Durham would uncover the "crime of the century."

On Monday, Trump nevertheless claimed victory, posting on social media that the report showed "the American Public was scammed, just as it is being scammed right now by those who don't want to see GREATNESS for AMERICA!"

Much of the FBI conduct described by the Durham report was previously known and had been denounced in a 2019 report by the Justice Department's inspector general, which did not find "documentary or testimonial evidence of intentional misconduct."

Durham goes further in his criticism, however, arguing that the FBI rushed to investigate Trump in a case known as Crossfire Hurricane, even as it proceeded cautiously on allegations related to then-Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. In particular, the report notes that while the FBI warned Clinton's team when agents learned of possible evidence by a foreign actor to garner influence with her, agents did not give a similar defensive briefing to the Trump campaign before quickly launching an investigation.

The FBI's handling of key aspects of the case was "seriously deficient," Durham wrote, causing the agency "severe reputational harm." That failure could have been prevented if FBI employees hadn't embraced "seriously flawed information" and instead followed their "own principles regarding objectivity and integrity," the report said.

As examples of confirmation bias by the FBI, Durham cites: the FBI decision to go forward with the probe despite "a complete lack of information from the Intelligence Community that corroborated the hypothesis upon which the Crossfire Hurricane investigation was predicated"; agents ignoring information that exonerated key suspects in the case; and the FBI being unable to corroborate "a single substantive allegation" in a dossier of Trump allegations compiled by British former spy Christopher Steele.

Durham's appointment as special counsel was unusual, in that Barr essentially tasked him with investigating the work done for a prior special counsel: Robert S. Mueller III. Durham's probe produced paltry results in court: Two people that he charged with crimes were found not guilty, while a former FBI lawyer pleaded guilty to altering an email used to help a colleague prepare a court application for surveillance of a Trump adviser.

After the second acquittal last year, Democrats and some lawyers urged the Justice Department to shut down Durham's office as a waste of taxpayer money and time.

The report issued Monday said Durham and his team conducted more than 480 interviews, reviewed more than 1 million documents, executed seven search warrants and, with a grand jury, served more than 190 subpoenas.

It ended with a short recommendation for the FBI: Create a position for an FBI agent or lawyer to provide oversight of politically sensitive investigations. That person would be tasked with challenging every step of such investigations, including whether officials appropriately adhered to the rules governing applications to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which handles matters of national security.

After the inspector general's 2019 report criticizing the FBI's conduct, Director Christopher A. Wray implemented many changes at the agency, which has been at the center of fierce political debates since the 2016 election.

The senior FBI officials who ran the Crossfire Hurricane investigation left the agency years ago. But they have long said the bureau had a duty to investigate the allegations against the Trump campaign.

Durham sent his report to Attorney General Merrick Garland on Friday, and Garland sent it to top members of the Senate and House judiciary committees on Monday afternoon, a Justice Department official said. The report contains no classified information, and Garland told lawmakers he released the report with no "additions, redactions, or other modifications." Garland did not submit to Congress a 29-page classified appendix but said he would arrange for members to view it.

In a statement responding to the report, the FBI said the conduct in 2016 and 2017 that Durham examined "was the reason that current FBI leadership already implemented dozens of corrective actions, which have now been in place for some time. Had those reforms been in place in 2016, the missteps identified in the report could have been prevented. This report reinforces the importance of ensuring the FBI continues to do its work with the rigor, objectivity, and professionalism the American people deserve and rightly expect."

A longtime federal prosecutor who was U.S. attorney in Connecticut during the Trump administration, Durham had previously taken on politically sensitive investigations in Washington — including cases involving the CIA and the FBI. But the special counsel appointment was his highest profile and most politically charged undertaking.

The FBI's handling of key aspects of the case was "seriously deficient," special counsel John Durham wrote, causing the agency "severe reputational harm."

When the inspector general, Michael Horowitz, issued his findings in 2019, Durham took the unusual step of publicly disagreeing with him on a key point — disputing Horowitz's finding that the decision to open the investigation into Trump's campaign was justified.

"Based on the evidence collected to date, and while our investigation is ongoing, last month we advised the Inspector General that we do not agree with some of the report's conclusions as to predication and how the FBI case was opened," Durham said at the time.

Yet on Monday, he appeared to back away from that criticism, writing "there is no question that the FBI had an affirmative obligation to closely examine" allegations brought to the agency by an Australian diplomat who told them of alarming statements made over drinks by a low-level Trump adviser, George Papadopoulos.

Durham's report suggests he thinks the FBI should have opened a preliminary investigation, rather than a full investigation, based on the Australian's tip. The report highlights a conversation between two FBI officials at the time who appeared to bemoan the weakness of the new case.

"Damn that's thin," wrote one FBI official in early August 2016. "I know," replied another, "it sucks."

Durham's final report comes against a backdrop of two failed prosecutions. Igor Danchenko — a private researcher who was a primary source for a dossier of allegations about Trump's alleged ties to Russia — was acquitted in October of lying to the FBI about where he got his information. Durham personally argued much of the government's case in that trial, in federal court in Alexandria.

Last year, a jury in D.C. federal court acquitted cybersecurity lawyer Michael Sussmann, whom Durham also had charged with lying to the FBI. A former FBI lawyer, Kevin Clinesmith, was sentenced to one year of probation after admitting in a 2020 plea deal with Durham that he had altered a government email used to justify secret surveillance of a former Trump campaign adviser, Carter Page.

The report means Durham's time as a special counsel is coming to an end, while two other special counsels continue: one to investigate Trump and people close to him for classified documents found at his home, as well as events leading up to the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the U.S. Capitol, and another to investigate President Biden and people close to him for classified documents found at his home and office.

Prosecutor fights Trump team's effort to dismiss findings by Ga. grand jury

BY HOLLY BAILEY



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Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis (D), responding to a motion by Donald Trump's legal team to dismiss evidence, called the filing "procedurally flawed" and said its arguments "lack merit."

An Atlanta-area prosecutor investigating whether Donald Trump and his allies broke the law when they sought to overturn Trump's 2020 election loss in Georgia asked a judge Monday to dismiss a motion by Trump's attorneys seeking to throw out evidence gathered by a special-purpose grand jury, claiming the former president is trying to block an investigation before "any charges are filed."

The prosecution filing was in response to a March 20 motion by Trump's Georgia-based legal team that sought to block the release of a final report issued in January by the special grand jury and "preclude the use of any evidence derived" from its investigation, claiming it was "conducted under an unconstitutional statute" and "through an illegal and unconstitutional process" that violated Trump's due-process rights.

In a response filed late Monday afternoon, Fulton County District Attorney Fani T. Willis (D) said the motion — which was joined last month by Cathy Latham, a Georgia Republican and alternate Trump elector who has been named as a target in the investigation — was "procedurally flawed and advance arguments that lack merit."

Willis wrote in the filing that Trump and Latham "are not content to follow the ordinary course of the law. They seek to 'restrain' a criminal investigation before any charges are filed or even sought; they ask that the judicial system place them above and apart from the common administration of the criminal law; and they do so by raising arguments for which they have no standing, or which they failed to timely join, or which they have already failed, or which have no basis in law at all."

The special-purpose grand jury impaneled to investigate the case heard from 75 witnesses over several months last year before issuing a final report in January that recommended charges but remains mostly sealed pending a charging decision by Willis. Because the special grand jury did not have the power to issue indictments — only recommendations — Willis would have to present her case to a regular grand jury that can issue criminal indictments if she chooses to do that.

Trump's attorneys — Drew Findling, Jennifer Little and Marissa Goldberg — have also sought to recuse Willis's office and to prevent prosecutors from pursuing "any further proceedings in this matter," including indictments, claiming Willis violated "prosecutorial standards" and Trump's constitutional rights in part by publicly commenting on the case.

"The whole world has watched the process of the [special-purpose grand jury] unfold and what they have witnessed was a process that was confusing, flawed and, at times, blatantly unconstitutional," the 483-page filing from Trump's attorneys read. "Given the scrutiny and the gravity of the investigation and those individuals involved — namely, the movant President Donald J. Trump — this process should have been handled correctly, fairly, and with deference to the law and the highest ethical standards."

In her response, Willis pushed back on those claims — questioning why Trump had waited until now to lodge complaints about the process and her office's handling of the case.

"Far from raising this issue promptly, Mr. Trump has waited years, until after the conclusion of an entire [special-purpose grand jury] investigation, when the [Fulton County District Attorney's Office's] own investigation has moved into its latter stages," Willis wrote.

Willis defended her public comments about the investigation, claiming her remarks were "conditional, vague, comments regarding 'allegations,' or general statements about the investigation and the reason for its pursuit." Trump and Latham "have not (and cannot) show the sort of pervasive misconduct required for disqualification," Willis wrote.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Robert McBurney, who oversaw the special grand jury, had ordered Willis to respond the Trump and Latham motions by Monday. Trump's legal team has asked for a hearing on its requests to block the grand jury evidence and remove the district attorney's office from the investigation — though it was not clear Monday evening if McBurney would grant a hearing or when he might rule.

In a statement, Trump's legal team said that Willis "failed to address several of the critical substantive issues" raised in its motion and that it planned to ask McBurney for permission to file a response.

Trump's lawyers have also asked that McBurney be removed from the case, arguing he violated the rights of witnesses and those involved in the investigation by giving improper legal guidance — including to the grand jurors. They have asked the Fulton County chief judge to call a hearing on that matter, but McBurney continues to oversee the case.

The back and forth comes after Willis revealed in letters to state and local law enforcement that she plans to announce whether she will file charges in the case between July 11 and Sept. 1 and cited a "need for heightened security and preparedness in coming months due to this pending announcement."

The letters were the strongest hint yet that Willis may file criminal charges in the high-profile case, which not only has cast scrutiny on the actions of Trump and his closest allies but also has ensnared a host of prominent Republicans, including former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani and Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.).

Several top Georgia officials who were targets of Trump's lobbying to overturn Joe Biden's narrow victory in the state, including Gov. Brian Kemp (R), testified before a special grand jury investigating the case and probably would be key witnesses in any criminal trial.

Willis, a longtime Fulton County prosecutor who was elected district attorney in 2020, launched her investigation into alleged election interference just days after a recording was made public of a January 2021 phone call that Trump made to Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger (R) urging him to "find" enough votes to overturn Trump's defeat in Georgia.

It was one of several calls Trump and his associates made to Georgia officials prodding them to undertake efforts to change the results of the state's presidential election, which Trump lost by fewer than 12,000 votes. Prosecutors presented audio from at least three of those calls to the special grand jury.

Willis has indicated publicly and in court filings that her office's investigation has since expanded to include several other lines of inquiry, including false claims of election fraud that Giuliani and other Trump associates made to Georgia state lawmakers; threats and harassment targeting Georgia election workers; and the creation of an alternative slate of Republican electoral college electors who met at the Georgia Capitol in December 2020 and signed certificates falsely asserting that Trump had won the state.

Willis and her team are said to be closely examining not only Trump's phone calls but also what knowledge he had and what role he may have played in other Georgia efforts, including the assembly of the slate of alternate electors. Willis has indicated she is eyeing Georgia's expansive anti-racketeering law as she considers whether Trump and his allies conspired to break the law in seeking to overturn the state's election results.

Willis told The Washington Post last year that she and other prosecutors had heard credible allegations that serious crimes had been committed and that she believed some people, if convicted, could face prison sentences.

At least 18 people have been notified they are targets of the election interference investigation, according to court documents and statements from their attorneys. That list includes Giuliani and the slate of 16 alternate Republican electors — though at least eight of those Trump electors are now known to have accepted immunity deals in the case.

McBurney ruled earlier this year to keep the report mostly sealed to protect the rights of "potential future defendants" but has suggested the full document could be made public as soon as Willis announces a charging decision in the case.

Emily Kohrs, the panel's forewoman, has said the grand jury recommended the indictment of several people. She has declined to say whether Trump was among them but also told reporters the public would not be "shocked" at the panel's recommendations.

Beyond the letters to law enforcement, Willis has said little publicly in recent months about the case. Recent court filings have suggested the investigation continues to be active and ongoing, and a person close to the case, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly, has said prosecutors are continuing to receive and review evidence as Willis considers potential charges.

Mystery deepens as second person is found with resilience against Alzheimer's

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of California at San Francisco, who was not involved in the study.

"I think this raises a number of interesting questions. I don't know that we have the answers."

A genetic time bomb

For decades, neurologist Francisco Lopera at the University of Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia, has been caring for and following an extended family, many of whose members carry a tragically unlucky mutation in a gene called presenilin 1. The mutation is rare, and its effects are aggressive and predictable.

By their late 20s, people who carry the mutation have brains clogged with the hallmark amyloid plaques that characterize Alzheimer's disease. By their mid-30s, tangles of a different protein associated with Alzheimer's, tau, appear.

People carrying this gene begin to experience the first inklings of cognitive problems around age 44, and by 49, they have full-blown dementia. They typically die in their 60s.

In total, scientists have discovered 1,200 people out of an extended family of more than 6,000 carrying this genetic time bomb.

Yakeel T. Quiroz, director of the Familial Dementia Neuroimaging Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital, has worked with Lopera and these patients for 20 years.

"You meet them before they have symptoms, and you see them progress," Quiroz said. "You get to stay around and see how they become severely demented — and how they die. There's nothing you can do to stop it."

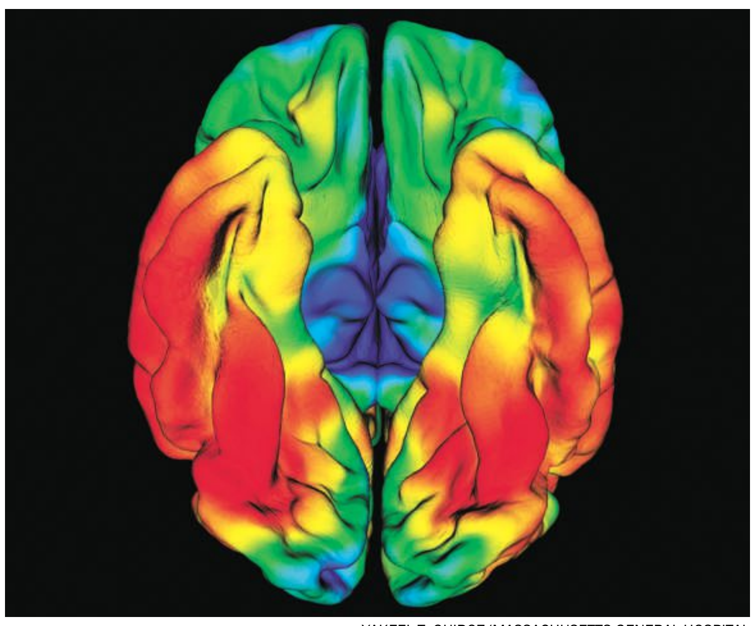
But in 2019, researchers discovered a single patient, Aliria Rosa Piedrahita de Villegas, who seemed to have fended off fate.

Her memory didn't start to decline until she was in her 70s. Scientists discovered a genetic mutation that protected her, nicknamed Christchurch. Although her brain was clogged with the characteristic amyloid plaques of Alzheimer's, it was relatively free of the tangles of tau that are also associated with the disease.

Scientists marveled at the case but also debated its relevance. This was only one person. Was it an aberration, or a path to follow? What could this one person reveal about how to fight Alzheimer's in the broader population?

A tangled target for Alzheimer's drugs

The discovery of a second person with genetic resilience validates the quest but also deepens the mystery.



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In a brain scan of the Colombian man, red areas show where tangles of the tau protein, a hallmark of Alzheimer's, were found in abundance. But they were limited in the entorhinal cortex.

The man, whose identity is anonymous at his family's request, doesn't have the Christchurch gene variant. He appears to have been protected by a mutation in a different gene called reelin.

What's more, both patients had brains riddled with amyloid plaques, which have so far been a key target in therapies for Alzheimer's.

Recently, drugs aimed at clearing amyloid plaques have been approved in the United States — the first beacons of hope in decades. But these drugs are far from a cure. They aim to slow the progression of the disease, but have fostered debate and criticism over whether modest benefits outweigh their risks and costs.

The woman's lack of tau tangles supported an alternate avenue for therapeutics. When the man traveled to Massachusetts to have his brain scanned at age 73, researchers found that he had both amyloid plaques and tau tangles associated with Alzheimer's disease. But crucially, tau was relatively limited in his entorhinal cortex, which is essential for memory.

"The possibility that just by protecting the entorhinal cortex, even if you have a lot of Alzheimer's pathology elsewhere, you can have that protection? Wouldn't that be amazing? That's what's very tantalizing," Arboleda-Velasquez said.

Scientists, including those involved in the research, cautioned that the study is far from a definitive explanation of why the man's memory was protected for years. There could be multiple contributors, rather than a single explanation.

But the possibility that a person could have a high level of protection against decline, even with a brain that is substantially affected by amyloid and tau buildup, is "intriguing" said Inmaculada Cuchillo Ibañez, a neuroscientist at the Institute of Neurosciences at Miguel Hernández University in Alicante, Spain. She has studied the reelin protein in the brains of people with more common forms of Alzheimer's disease.

"This suggests that this … could be critical in protecting against cognitive impairment," Cuchillo Ibañez wrote in an email.

The researchers did find an overlap between the two different gene mutations that helped protect these individuals: Both mutations affect proteins that bind to the same receptors on the surfaces of brain cells. The scientists also found that mice that are genetically predisposed to develop tau tangles in their brains were less likely to do so when they carried the reelin gene mutation found in the man.

Understanding the possible biochemical pathways that produced protection opens up new approaches for drug development, the researchers said.

Quiroz said the man's family members were excited that something useful had been learned from his case. Patients and researchers are both aware that the disease moves so quickly that discoveries may benefit only future generations. But Lopera said in an email that these exceptional cases point the way forward.

The two cases, he wrote, "have enormous potential to benefit the entire world population with or at risk of Alzheimer's disease because they are showing a path to prevention and cure."

Man with a bat attacks Rep. Connolly's staffers at Va. office

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dealt with persistent menacing messages and threats — sometimes fueled by the rancorous political climate, though there was no indication that was behind Monday's incident. The man's father said his son had long struggled with mental illness, and the congressman said authorities assumed that might have played a role. Lawmakers and other politicians swiftly issued condemnations of the violence.

Last year, the Capitol Police's Threat Assessment Section examined 7,501 possible threats on members of Congress, though they decided only 313 such cases qualified as true threats, and prosecutors moved forward in only 22 cases.

Connolly, who is serving his eighth term in a district that includes Fairfax City and Fairfax County, said his office was working on a constituent issue for Pham at the time of the assaults, but he did not know its exact nature.

The congressman said that staffers had previously talked to the man on the phone and he seemed off, and that he had not received any reports the man said or did anything that would indicate a political motive for the attack.

"The assumption is mental illness is at work, but we don't know his background," Connolly said.

Hy Pham, Xuan Pham's father, said his son was schizophrenic and had dealt with mental illness since his late teens. He said his son was not married and did not have a job because of his condition. The son lived with his father, who said he had been unsuccessfully trying to arrange mental health care for Xuan Pham.

"He blamed the FBI for making him sick," Hy Pham said. "He blamed the Navy for making him sick."

Connolly said the assailant drove to his district office — which is in an office building and generally not locked so constituents can access staffers — and walked through the front door carrying the baseball bat Monday morning. At the time, Connolly said he was at a ribbon cutting for a food bank in another part of Fairfax County.

Connolly said the man asked, "Where's Connolly?" and grew agitated when he learned the congressman was not in the office. Connolly said the man then assaulted the intern, who was sitting at the reception desk, with the baseball bat. Connolly said it was the intern's first day in the office. He said the man struck her on one side of her body.

A commotion ensued, and Connolly said the man struck the office's outreach director on the back of the head with the bat. Another staffer, who is a retired Army sergeant, then herded all of the staffers into an office to safeguard them, Connolly said.

"The man then went on a rampage and was smashing glass windows and a computer," Connolly said, adding that he was rethinking his decision to keep the office unlocked.

Authorities said that a 911 call for the incident came in just before 10:50 a.m. Monday.

Lisa Gardner, a Fairfax City police spokeswoman, said police received a report that a man with a baseball bat was assaulting staffers inside the office. Gardner said police arrived about five minutes after being summoned.

Gardner said officers found two people who had been struck in the upper body with the baseball bat. Connolly said officers used a stun gun to subdue the man.

The injured staffers were taken to a hospital. Connolly said both were awake and speaking when he visited them; they have since been released, a Connolly representative said.

"We are extremely, extremely happy this wasn't worse," Gardner said.

Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano, whose office would prosecute the case, said: "This case is ongoing so my office can't comment on any specifics, but my thoughts are with the victims and their families. It's a sad day when public servants are victims of violence."

A number of politicians from Virginia and elsewhere swiftly condemned the attack on Monday afternoon. Sen. Mark R. Warner (D) wrote in a tweet that he was dismayed.

"Intimidation and violence — especially against public servants — has no place in our society," Warner wrote. "This is an extraordinarily disturbing development, and my thoughts are with the staff members who were injured."

Rep. Don Beyer (D) wrote in a tweet that the assault was "very, very scary," and Rep. Abigail Spanberger (D) said she was "horrified."

Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) said in a tweet, "Violence does not belong in our political system and my prayers are with Rep. Gerry Connolly's staff for a speedy recovery. We've seen this against our judiciary, we've seen this against our legislative branch and it has no place in our Commonwealth."

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.) said in a statement he had spoken with Connolly "to offer him and his staff the full support of the House Democratic Caucus family in the aftermath of this horrific attack."

"We must collectively take every available precaution to protect Members and our staff, who serve the American people with patriotism and passion and deserve to do so without fear for their safety," Jeffries said.

Hy Pham said his son heard voices and had refused to take the medication that was prescribed for him. Last year, Xuan Pham filed a federal lawsuit against the CIA, accusing the spy agency of imprisoning him in a place called "book world" and torturing him "from the fourth dimension."

Xuan Pham was previously charged with four felonies for assaulting a police officer and attempting to take a stun gun in an incident that occurred in January 2022, according to Fairfax County court records.

An incident report asserts that Pham had screamed and run toward a police officer's cruiser, asking an officer to shoot him. After police told Pham they would be taking him to a mental health facility, the report alleges, Pham grew angry and resisted officers' efforts to take him into custody, reaching for the gun of one of them. He was ultimately handcuffed and arrested.

"The assumption is mental illness is at work, but we don't know his background."

Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, on the man who assaulted his staffers

The charges were later dropped. The Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office said in a statement that the charges "stemmed from a mental health incident" and were not prosecuted "as part of an agreement that ensured the individual was complying with mental health services."

The incident is the latest violent attack targeting politicians and those associated with them.

Connolly, who was inside the U.S. Capitol during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack, said Monday's incident was reminiscent of that earlier violence.

In October, the husband of former House speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) was attacked in their San Francisco home. In 2017, a gunman shot and wounded five people, including Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.), at a baseball field in Alexandria, and was killed in a gun battle with police. In 2011, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) was shot and wounded in a rampage outside a supermarket in Arizona.

"I hate to think that this is the price we have to pay for public service," Connolly said. "But this is a political environment where we have people inciting others with their rhetoric."

Alice Crites contributed to this report.



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Rep. Gerald E. Connolly, shown in March, said he was at a ribbon-cutting for a food bank in Fairfax County when a man came looking for the congressman and attacked his staffers in his Virginia office.



Several 'culture war' battles rage inside Tenn. legislature

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some new restrictions on guns.

Democratic lawmakers were demanding action. But on the House floor, Republicans wanted to talk about Hungary.

Republican Rep. Tim Hicks offered a resolution "commending" the Danube Institute, a think tank based in Budapest. That group has close ties to the government of Viktor Orban, Hungary's far-right autocratic leader, who is a favorite of former president Donald Trump and admired by many U.S. conservatives.

While the European Parliament has said that Hungary under Orban can "no longer be considered a full democracy," Hicks praised the Danube Institute for its "focus on Christian faith and democracy" and its research into "persecuted Christians."

In the final days of the 2023 session last month, Tennessee's GOP-controlled state legislature ignored growing public calls — even from fellow Republicans — to address gun violence.

Instead, it passed a measure to allow teachers to refer to students by "he" or "she" even if the child prefers a different pronoun. It banned requirements for "implicit bias training" that raises awareness of unfair racial and ethnic stereotypes. It approved a bill protecting Tennessee property owners against U.N. sustainability goals, elevating a right-wing conspiracy theory.

Tennessee is one of an increasing number of states (19 Republican, nine Democratic) where one party has a "supermajority," such a lopsided advantage that it can override a governor's veto without relying on votes from the other party. In 2020, only 22 states had supermajorities.

Of Tennessee's 131 state legislators, 101 are Republicans, as are the governor, both U.S. senators and eight of the nine members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

But here, as in other states with one-party dominance where representation has been skewed through partisan gerrymandering, the almost-absolute nature of Republican control doesn't fully reflect the will of Tennessee voters. That means there is often a disconnect between what the public wants and what the legislature does.

"The state is conservative, but not as conservative as the state legislature would lead you to believe," said John G. Geer of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, who has been polling on state attitudes for more than a decade.

Geer's most recent poll, in early May, found strong majorities of Tennessee voters — Democratic and Republican, urban and rural — support new gun safety measures, including stricter requirements for gun storage and waiting periods to buy them. Even among those who self-identified as MAGA Republicans, 72 percent supported tighter background checks.

"Tennesseans are clearly in support of some gun reforms," Geer said.

Republican Gov. Bill Lee softened his views after the school shooting, in which two of those killed were close friends of his wife. Lee signed an executive order tightening the state's background check laws for gun purchases. He also called for a new law denying guns to people determined by a judge to be a potential threat to themselves or others — a "red-flag law" of the sort that was backed by nearly three-quarters of Tennessee voters in the Vanderbilt poll.

Senate Democrats rallied around Lee's proposal. But Republican state senators voted against even discussing it.

Instead, there was movement in the other direction, toward more protections for gunmakers. On the same day that thousands of people calling for gun control locked arms in a three-mile human chain that ended at the state Capitol, the state Senate voted to increase gun manufacturers' liability protections.

Republicans in the House, meanwhile, made national headlines by expelling two young Black Democrats, Justin Pearson and Justin Jones, for taking over a House session with a bullhorn and demanding stricter gun laws. Gloria Johnson, a White Democrat who had joined their protest, was not expelled.

The Republican lock on Tennessee politics is relatively new. The Democratic Party largely ran the state from the end of the Civil War until 1970, and then power alternated between the parties for the next four decades.

But many Democrats lost their seats in the tea party wave of 2010, and Republicans took solid control. Republicans say they dominate the state because they better represent the views of Tennessee voters. But they also have used their majority to gerrymander districts, redrawing them so one party is nearly guaranteed to win.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which studies the issue nationally, said that after last year's round of redistricting, only seven of the Tennessee House's 99 districts are competitive. Not a single one of the 33 state Senate seats is rated competitive.

That means when it comes to Tennessee's legislative elections, winning the primary is often the only race that matters, with candidates playing to their base and rarely feeling pressure to listen to independents or compromise across the aisle.

Democratic voters are concentrated in a relatively small number of districts representing urban areas. Nineteen of the 24 Democrats in the House are from greater Nashville and Memphis, the state's two largest cities. In a state where Joe Biden won 37 percent of the vote in 2020, the state legislature is just 23 percent Democratic.

Republican Beth Harwell, who became speaker of the state House after the 2010 elections and held the job for eight years, said candidates from both parties often "just want to say the most extreme thing so that they have a sound bite on either CNN or Fox."

Harwell, who now runs a national program that encourages listening to those in the minority, said parties with supermajorities "can become lazy."

She said she recently watched debates in the Tennessee House and "felt like my Republicans were not adequately prepared for debate, because they knew they were going to win no matter what they said. And that's not a good thing."

During the final week of this year's regular session, there was little true debate. Hour after hour, a GOP legislator would offer a bill and allow a few Democrats to argue against it. Then Republicans would abruptly force a vote. The outcome was never in doubt, and efforts by Democrats to steer the conversation to gun control were quickly shut down.

All of which led the House to Hungary.

"It's been interesting to read about the Hungarian way of life," said Hicks, a building contractor from eastern Tennessee.

The Tennessee legislature is a part-time job for its members, who meet for up to 90 session days over two years, mainly from January to April or May. They are paid $24,316 a year, plus a per diem during the session.

The average age of Tennessee legislators is 57, and just six are 35 or younger, according to the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. Many of the legislators are retired or have other jobs — small-business owner, funeral director, real estate agent, insurance broker, farmer, nurse, police officer, teacher, surgeon, lawyer, auctioneer.

Hicks said that in Hungary: "There's very little problems with issues like addiction, mental health, homelessness, crime and welfare. And welfare: If you are able, then you work. I believe this stems from their belief and living by Christian faith."

Jones, 27 and newly reinstated by local authorities following his ouster, rose in the chamber to tell Hicks he was "deeply troubled" by the bill.

"This organization is tied to an autocrat in Hungary — Orban," Jones said. "Are you familiar with who that is?"

"No, I'm not," Hicks said.

Jones looked stunned.

"This is an organization that has been allied with fascist governments," Jones said, his voice rising.

Hicks, undeterred, said Tennessee should follow Hungary's example of solving problems



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ABOVE: Supporters of Moms Demand Action, a grass-roots movement in favor of stricter gun legislation, watch from the visitors' gallery overlooking the Tennessee House of Representatives on April 17. LEFT: State Rep. Jason Powell (D-Nashville) proposed amending the budget to include Medicaid expansion, telling his colleagues that "gun violence injuries cost victims and their families more than $1 billion each year." His proposal failed, 74 to 24, along party lines.



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ABOVE: Demonstrators hold hands and lock arms during the "Arms Are for Hugging" protest for gun-control legislation on April 18 in Nashville. Participants created a human chain starting from Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, where victims of the Covenant School shooting were taken, and ending at the Tennessee Capitol.
LEFT: State Rep. Jody Barrett (R-Dickson) congratulates Rep. Monty Fritts (R-Kingston) with a fist bump after a bill sponsored by Fritts passed in the House on April 19.

through faith instead of politics.

"If you believe that to be true, Representative Hicks, perhaps it's time to switch professions," Jones said. "Because we're here as a government body to promote the public good. If you want to go to theology school, I see some folks from Vanderbilt Divinity here who you can ask about —"

Speaker Cameron Sexton smacked his wooden gavel.

"Representative Jones, you're out of order. That's enough. We're moving on."

Sexton then called on a Republican representative, who stood and said, "I move the previous question," a maneuver that ends debate and calls for a vote.

Democrats yelled "objection!"

The bill passed 70 to 20.

In the afternoon, the House took up the state's $56.2 billion budget for the coming year. Republican Rep. Patsy Hazlewood presented the budget bill, which included everything from small-business tax cuts to teacher pay raises.

Democratic Rep. Jason Powell, a Nashville real estate broker, proposed amending the budget to include Medicaid expansion.

Tennessee is one of 10 states, all controlled by Republicans, that have refused millions in federal health coverage for low-income adults offered through the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

Expanding Medicaid stands virtually no chance of passage against the Republican supermajority. But Powell tried anyway, arguing that it would help those harmed by gun violence.

He told his colleagues that "gun violence injuries cost victims and their families more than $1 billion each year" and that guns are now the leading cause of death for Tennessee children. He said Medicaid expansion would help shooting victims with lifelong disabilities and medical bills.

No Republican members spoke on Powell's proposal, but one called the vote.

It failed 74 to 24, along party lines.

The budget didn't mention an overhaul of gun laws, but it contained $140 million to hire an armed security officer in every public school and $7 million for officers in private schools.

"That's not what Tennesseans are asking for," Jones said. "They're asking for meaningful gun legislation."

Several protesters in the House gallery whooped in agreement.

"I'll put this budget up against any budget in any state in this country," Hazlewood said. "Tennessee leads the way. We are fiscally responsible. We are giving money back to our citizens in a fiscally responsible way."

The budget passed 94-5.

Thursday morning's House session started with Nashville country music legend Steve Earle singing his rock anthem "Copperhead Road," which Lee has made an official state song in Tennessee.

When he finished, Earle said he hoped lawmakers would also listen to his song "The Devil's Right Hand," which describes the dangers of guns. The reference seemed to mainly escape the lawmakers, who crowded around for a photo with Earle.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the House breezed through a long list of noncontroversial bills that mainly passed unanimously. No one mentioned guns.

When the afternoon session began after lunch, GOP Rep. Ed Butler, who runs a company that installs fire sprinkler systems, offered a bill creating a new "Tennessee monuments and memorials commission."

Jones slammed the bill as "an insult to Tennesseans."

He said it was designed to reverse a 2021 decision to remove from the Capitol rotunda a bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest, a Confederate general, slave trader and the first Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Tennessee legislature is 13 percent Black, compared with 17 percent of the state population. Sixty percent of the Democrats in the legislature are Black. There are zero Black Republican legislators.

"Let's not continue to protect Confederate monuments more than we do protect the lives of Tennesseans," Jones told his colleagues, referring to the House's failure to consider gun legislation.

Butler replied: "Whether you like our history or not, it is our history."

Another Republican moved the question. Democrats objected. The bill to create the commission passed along party lines.

Republicans next proposed a bill to give the state more control of revenue from the Music City Center, Nashville's highly successful convention center. Democrats smelled political payback for the city's decision last year to decline to host the 2024 Republican National Convention.

Republicans in the legislature have increased state influence in the governance of Nashville, the country music hub often called Music City USA, which is a tourism and business juggernaut that contributes about a third of the state's GDP.

"Nashville has become a kind of a stand-in for Fox News-style targeting: It's diverse, it's Democratic, it has crime," Nashville Mayor John Cooper said in an interview. "It's easy to create a boogeyman. It's very popular with their base."

On the floor, Democratic Rep. Bill Beck of Nashville, said: "So we're doing what we should do and being a success. And now the state says, 'Oh, no . . . we want to squash the entrepreneurial spirit of your city and take your money.'"

Republicans cut off debate and passed the bill.

On Friday morning, the last day of the session, a dozen gun-control supporters sat in the House gallery holding signs that said, "We are not going away."

On the floor, Republicans began discussing Agenda 21, an obscure U.N. program that encourages sustainable development worldwide. It has long spawned unfounded conspiracy theories on the right about the United Nations taking control of U.S. life.

Republican Rep. Dennis Powers proposed a bill that would prohibit private property rights from being infringed upon by Agenda 21 or any other U.N. measure. "We do not want the United Nations to control anything that we're doing in United States by international law," said Powers, an insurance agent from eastern Tennessee.

Democratic Rep. John Ray Clemmons, a Nashville attorney, pointed out that U.N. recommendations do not supersede the U.S. Constitution, "So I guess I'm a little confused here."

Jones argued that everyone should support U.N. goals on sustainable development and climate change.

Powers responded: "Climate change is just a way of redistribution of wealth; there is no climate change."

The bill passed 66 to 22.

Next up: warning signs at polling places.

Republican Rep. Tim Rudd spoke in favor of a bill that would require polling places to post bright yellow signs warning voters that it is a crime to vote in a party's political primary without being "a bona fide member or affiliated with" that party.

Rudd explained that Tennessee voters were increasingly doing that and that they should be warned that it was a felony.

"It just seems like we're trying to intimidate voters," said Freeman, the Nashville Democrat, who said the signs could easily scare away well-intentioned voters.

Rudd said Tennessee had "the most secure election process in the entire nation" and it was "open and fair." He said the warning signs would not intimidate anyone.

"Tennessee has one of the lowest voter turnouts of any state in the country because of the voter intimidation and suppression tactics of the state of Tennessee," Clemmons responded.

A Republican moved the question. Debate ended. The bill passed.

After lunch, the House began the last few hours of its regular 2023 session debating a bill about pronouns.

Republican Rep. Mark Cochran offered a bill that "allows a teacher to refer to a student by pronouns based on the student's birth sex without fear of adverse disciplinary or legal action."

Cochran explained that the bill "protects a teacher's right not to speak, if doing so violates their right of conscience."

Jones said the proposal was the 27th "anti-LGBTQ" bill the House had considered this year. The legislature had already passed a ban on gender-affirming health care for transgender youth and a ban on drag shows in public places.

"This is not what the teachers in my district are asking for," Jones said. "They're asking for safer schools and common-sense gun laws."

Republican Rep. Rusty Grills, a farmer, rose to quote Scripture:

"Ezekiel Chapter 22, Verse 23, refers to standing in the gap. And that's exactly where I believe Tennessee is right now. We are standing in the gap between that which is right and that which is destructive. And legislation like this that protects individual rights, honors God, promotes a Christian worldview, is why Tennessee is growing economically and by population. And anytime the legislature can position ourselves for the teachings of Christ, it's a good day."

After more than 40 minutes of debate, Republicans called for a vote.

The pronouns bill passed 72 to 22.

Tempers were running high when Republican Rep. Jason Zachary proposed the next bill, to prohibit requiring public school teachers or other employees to undergo "implicit bias training."

Zachary said teachers in his district had complained that they had undergone training where they were told "white males were born as oppressors" and the Southern Baptist faith was "steeped in racism."

Zachary, who is White, said teachers should not be subjected to training that says they are biased or have "racist tendencies" simply because of their skin color.

Jones said the majority of Tennessee students facing disciplinary action are children of color and students with disabilities. He said the training would help teachers "not automatically see students of color as threats."

Pearson — who, like Jones, had also been reinstated by local officials — stood to pick up where Jones left off, speaking about "white supremacy" and "patriarchy."

As he spoke, Zachary began talking with another Republican member in the front of the room, known as the well, clearly not listening to Pearson.

"Only when a member like myself is speaking is the person at the well interrupted by another member," Pearson said. "This body has its biases about who deserves respect, based on our race, based on our age, based on where we come from, based on our party."

Zachary returned to the microphone.

"Respect is earned in this body. And when respect is given, it is reciprocated," he said.

Republicans ended the debate. The bill passed with 71 Republican votes.

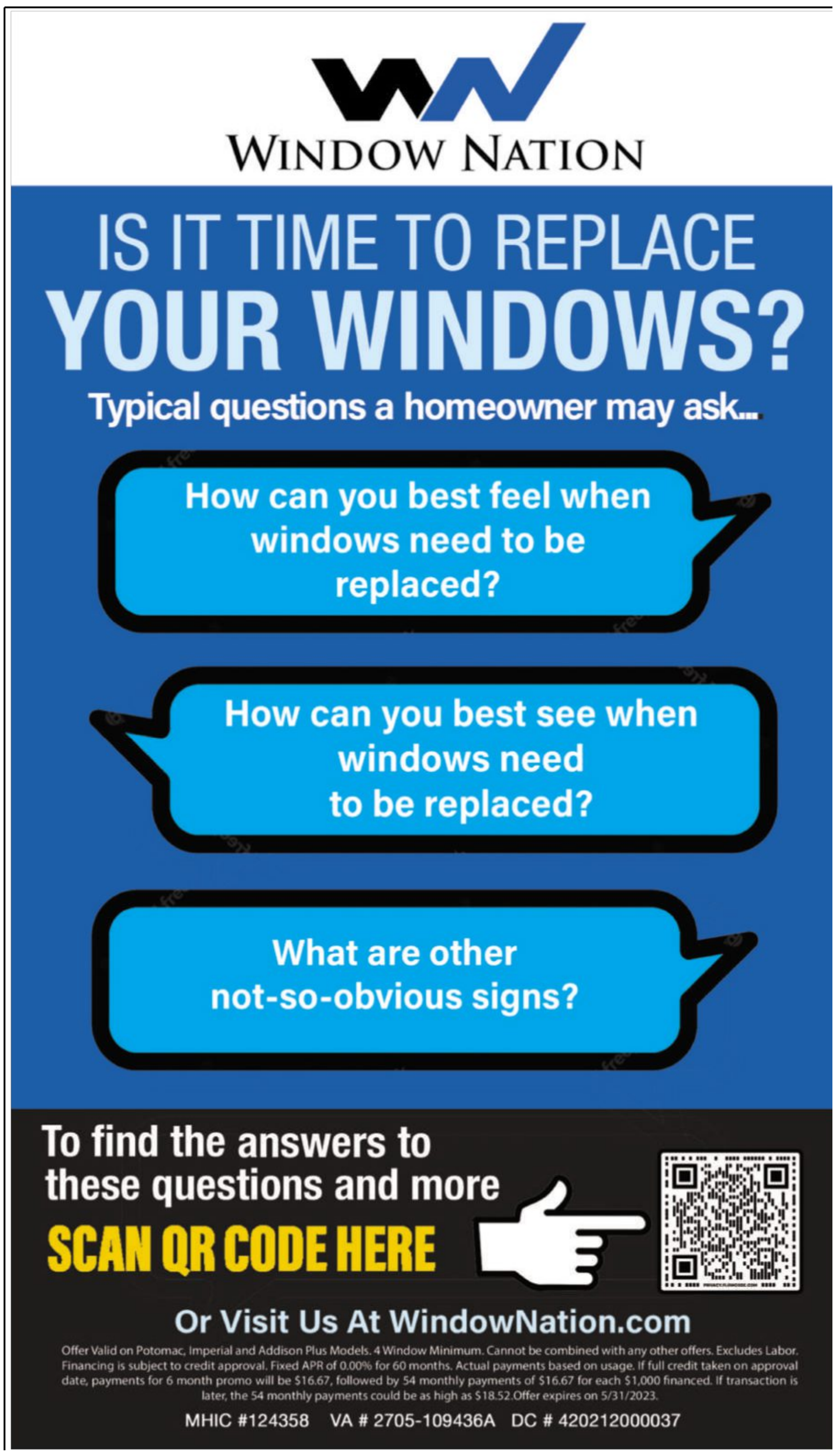
There were no more items on the legislative agenda.

All the bills the House Republicans had approved had also passed the Senate and were headed to the governor's desk, where they would become law.

Sexton adjourned the House until next January with a sharp smack of his gavel. Two weeks later, Lee announced that he was calling the legislature back on Aug. 21 for a special session on "public safety."

His office issued a statement citing "broad agreement" about the need for "thoughtful, practical measures that strengthen the safety of Tennesseans, preserve Second Amendment rights, prioritize due process protections, support law enforcement and address mental health."

It did not mention the word guns.



Border crossings down 50 percent since Title 42 expired, U.S. officials say

Administration says it's still too soon to know what the change means

BY NICK MIROFF, MARIA SACCHETTI AND ALEXANDRA HINOJOSA

The number of migrants crossing into the United States illegally has dropped by roughly half along the southern border since President Biden began enforcing new restrictions last week, but administration officials said Monday it was too soon to tell if the change marked a major shift or a brief lull.

Illegal crossings have declined to fewer than 5,000 per day since the White House lifted the pandemic-era Title 42 border policy late Thursday, Blas Nuñez-Neto, the top border policy official at the Department of Homeland Security, said during a media briefing in Washington.

Nuñez-Neto attributed the lower numbers to tighter immigration enforcement by Mexico and other nations in the hemisphere, along with the Biden administration's new policies inviting more migrants to apply to enter the United States legally.

"The situation on the border is very fluid," Nuñez-Neto said. "It is still way too early to draw any firm conclusions."

Biden officials predicted for months that illegal crossings would increase when the Title 42 border policy expired and U.S. agents could no longer use its emergency authorities to rapidly expel border-crossers back to Mexico or their home countries.

But migrants interviewed along the border in recent days said they saw the former policy's May 11 expiration date as a deadline to reach the United States. They cited warnings from U.S. officials that the pandemic policy would be replaced by tougher measures that included fast-track deportations.

U.S. authorities have carried out thousands of deportations to more than 10 countries since Friday, Nuñez-Neto said.



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Migrants cross back over the Rio Grande after being told by Texas National Guard members that they had to leave the area where they were gathered near the Zaragoza Bridge in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.

Hundreds of migrants including Cubans, Nicaraguans and Venezuelans have been sent back across the southern border under new measures that for the first time allow the large-scale formal deportation of non-Mexicans to Mexico, he said.

Unlike the expulsions, deportations carry legal penalties including a five-year bar on returning to the United States and possible criminal charges.

Other nations are taking steps to stiffen enforcement, Nuñez-Neto said. Security forces in Mexico and Guatemala have reinforced their southern borders in recent days to limit new arrivals, and Panama and Colombia are targeting smugglers sending people on the dangerous trek through the jungles of the Darién Gap region, he said.

The decline in crossings along the U.S.-Mexico border has helped to partially ease overcrowding in border stations and processing tents that were stretched far beyond capacity last week when U.S. agents had to contend with record-setting numbers of illegal entries.

On Monday morning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection had roughly 21,000 migrants in custody along the border, down about 30 percent from last week's peak, according to the latest government data obtained by The Washington Post.

Border agents made about 4,500 arrests along the border Sunday, a level of enforcement activity that remains high by historic standards but closer to what the Biden administration was facing during the winter months when crossings slowed.

"We are mindful that smugglers will continue to look for ways to take advantage of the change in border policies," Nuñez-Neto said. "And it is important to note that while Title 42 has ended, the conditions that are causing hemispheric migration at unprecedented levels have not changed."

Biden has replaced the pandemic expulsion policy with new measures making it easier for authorities to deport asylum seekers who cross illegally or don't seek protection in another nation they travel through before reaching the U.S. border. Officials did not respond to requests for information about the number of asylum seekers who have been rejected so far under the tighter new rules.

Nuñez-Neto acknowledged that federal lawsuits — filed by liberals and conservatives — could derail the administration's border plans.

With Congress unable to reach a compromise on immigration reform, the Biden administration says it has been forced to address mass migration without new legislation. Officials have created policies to reduce crowding in border jails and to punish asylum seekers who cross the border illegally.

But those policies are facing a possible takedown in court: A federal judge in Florida ruled last week that the administration cannot quickly release migrants from border jails without a court date to relieve overcrowding. Another judge in Texas is considering a Republican-led lawsuit to stop a special "parole" program that allows migrants from Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua and Haiti to apply to enter legally. These groups have crossed in large numbers since Biden took office and are difficult to deport because of conditions in their homelands.

Advocacy groups have asked a federal judge in California to knock down a new rule that presumes that asylum seekers who transited through another country on their way to the U.S. border are ineligible for asylum. The American Civil Liberties Union and other groups argued that the rule is an attempt to "resuscitate" President Donald Trump's asylum restrictions that the same judge previously struck down.

"After campaigning on a promise to restore our asylum system, the Biden administration has instead doubled down on its predecessor's cruel asylum restrictions," lawyers for the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups said in a court filing Thursday. A conference is scheduled in that case for Tuesday before U.S. District Judge Jon S. Tigar in California.

Lee Gelernt, one of the ACLU lawyers who is challenging the asylum rule, said in a telephone interview that declining numbers of asylum seekers are not necessarily a sign of success. Instead, he said, advocates are concerned that the administration is turning away migrants to countries that do not have the capacity to provide them refuge — and where the migrants could face danger.

Human-rights organizations and the U.S. State Department have published reports documenting how migrants in Mexico have been targeted by criminal organizations for kidnapping, extortion, and other violent crimes, for instance.

"There's this notion that you can judge the efficacy of an asylum system by how many people don't show up at the border," Gelernt said. "If people are in danger, you cannot tell them to stay away."

Along the border Monday afternoon in El Paso, the crowds of migrants gathering along the fence and camping on the streets were mostly gone.

The dusty strip of land where hundreds waited to be allowed into the United States through two border wall gates was deserted, strewn with empty water bottles, pizza boxes and discarded blankets.

Downtown around Sacred Heart Church, a handful of families with young children remained on the sidewalk. Will Rodriguez, a 31-year-old Venezuelan, said he crossed into El Paso long before Title 42 was supposed to end.

"They've already deported many," he said.

Rodriguez said he has a U.S. court date to plead his asylum claim on Dec. 18, 2024. He's now trying to get authorization to work legally while he waits.

"Many of us that are coming over are just wanting to work," Rodriguez said. "Some of us are professionals. We aren't thieves, we aren't violent thugs. Just give us an opportunity."

Imelda Maynard, legal director of the Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services in El Paso, said legal aid groups are struggling to contact asylum seekers in government custody before authorities deport them.

"We do not currently have access to CBP processing centers, so I am not sure how many people are currently detained," Maynard said.

The new asylum restrictions and Biden's deportations to Mexico remain controversial within the Democratic Party. As a candidate for president, Biden attacked Trump's "Remain in Mexico" policy and immediately took steps to halt it when he took office.

When The Post reported in February that the administration was discussing a deal to begin large-scale deportations of non-Mexicans to Mexico after Title 42 lifted, the president and senior officials denied the report as "false." Biden called the report "completely wrong" in an interview with the Telemundo Network.

Nuñez-Neto told reporters that since Friday, "hundreds of noncitizens, including Venezuelans, Cubans and Nicaraguans have already been returned to Mexico" under the terms of the accord.

Hinojosa reported from El Paso.



Biden advisers try to expand battleground map to North Carolina, Florida

Democrats hope the two states can provide a firewall in 2024 election

BY MICHAEL SCHERER AND TYLER PAGER

Top advisers to President Biden are planning a 2024 battleground strategy that fully invests in North Carolina, while mounting an early challenge in the increasingly Republican domain of Florida, home to two of his top potential rivals.

The strategy — which has been briefed to donors in recent weeks and has been signaled in early television advertising buys by the Democratic National Committee — comes as the party and Biden's team make plans to focus most of their organizing and spending energy on the states that Biden won in 2020.

But the campaign's early moves provide alternate paths to victory if the president finds himself struggling next year to repeat his 2020 victory. Biden won Arizona, Georgia and Wisconsin by less than a single percentage point. If he loses all three states in 2024, he can still win the White House by winning North Carolina and holding onto his other states.

Florida — home to former president Donald Trump and Gov. Ron DeSantis (R), two potential 2024 rivals — is widely seen as an increasingly conservative must-win state for Republicans, but it offers a different opportunity for Democrats, according to Democrats briefed on the plans. The party is willing to spend early on the state this year in the hopes of making it more competitive next year, while withholding judgment on whether it will be worth the same sort of investment in the fall of 2024 as it was in 2020.

"We fully expect North Carolina and Florida to be competitive, and we are investing early and accordingly," Biden campaign spokesman Kevin Munoz said. "President Biden has delivered real results for residents in both states."

Since Biden announced his reelection effort, his nascent campaign, which still lacks a headquarters and many senior staff hires, has spent about $1.6 million on television advertising with the DNC, according to media-tracking firm AdImpact. Of the money spent on state-specific television markets, about 12 percent has been divided between North Carolina and Florida, with the rest going to six states that Biden won in 2020 and are widely expected to be battlegrounds in 2024: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

American Bridge, a Democrat-aligned group that has hosted Biden advisers at its events, has also told donors that it hopes to expand its Midwestern advertising campaign into North Carolina next year. The group ran ads for Biden in the state earlier this year.

"This would be the right call for President Biden," said North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper (D) about the Biden campaign's investing heavily in his state. "North Carolina is the fullback of presidential politics. Republicans have to win it to be president. Democrats don't. But it's critical for Democrats to keep it close because Republicans have to expend extraordinary resources and time making sure they win North Carolina."

Both Florida and North Carolina require expensive advertising, and neither was considered a top-tier landscape for the party during the 2022 elections, when Republicans comfortably won statewide contests. Florida, in particular, has been the most expensive state for presidential campaigns in recent election cycles, given its size and multiple media markets.

Biden's 2020 campaign and supporting groups spent more than $166 million on television ads in the state in the last six months of the campaign, according to AdImpact. The 2020 Biden campaign spent $47 million on ads in North Carolina, making it the fourth most expensive state for the campaign.

"We are excited the Biden campaign is investing in both of these states as Republicans always encourage Democrats to light money on fire in places where voters have solidly rejected them cycle after cycle," Emma Vaughn, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee, said in a statement.

Biden lost Florida by 3.4 percentage points and North Carolina by 1.3 points in 2020. But some Democrats still credit their massive spending in Florida, including a late infusion of money from former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, with forcing Republicans to divert resources away from other Midwestern states that Biden won.

"If the Biden campaign, by spending money early and putting some people on the ground, can get to the place where Republicans have to take Florida seriously, that is a massive move on the chessboard," said Steve Schale, a Florida Democratic strategist who advises the pro-Biden group Unite the Country. "I also don't think there is any world in which Florida went from a one-point state to a three-point state to an 18-point state in a couple of campaign cycles."

Biden aides believe their efforts will be aided by other state-specific developments, according to people briefed on the plans.

Republicans in North Carolina are expected to override a veto from Cooper later this year to narrow the legal window for legal abortions in the state from 20 weeks of gestation to 12 weeks, while imposing new regulations on doctors performing abortions and expanded requirements for an additional in-person meeting with doctors before a patient undergoes either a surgical or medication-induced procedure.

Morgan Jackson, a political adviser to Cooper and other Democrats in the state, said "2024 is setting up to be a referendum in North Carolina on abortion, and that is a bad thing for Republicans. This kind of action is going to galvanize women. It is going to galvanize younger voters."

Demographic trends in the state, including a rising share of college-educated voters, is also expected to help the party. Barack Obama won North Carolina during the 2008 election and then narrowly lost the state four years later, despite hosting the party's nominating convention in Charlotte. Since then, the population has grown by about 10 percent, making it the 15th fastest-growing state. Nearly half of the state's population was born elsewhere.

Since 2020, Republicans have outpaced Democrats in voter registration in the state, adding more than 6,000 voters while Democrats have lost more than 175,000 voters.

Democrats are also hopeful that a competitive gubernatorial race in North Carolina will help their turnout, with Attorney General Josh Stein as the Democratic favorite.

The Republican favorite for the job, Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, supports an outright abortion ban and opposes same-sex marriage. He is known for controversial statements, such as calling homosexuality and transgenderism "filth" and calling student survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting "media prostit-tots." He has boasted of owning a semiautomatic rifle in case the government gets "too big for its britches."

"In Mark Robinson, you have a very powerful force that will turn out not only the Democratic base, but will sway a lot of independent voters because they're not going to tolerate particularly a governor candidate who has an AR-15 and is ready to shoot government officials," said Cooper, who is barred by law from seeking a third term in office.

Activists in Florida, in the meantime, are working to get two statewide ballot measures approved for the 2024 ballot — one to legalize recreational marijuana for adults and a second to reverse the recent six-week abortion ban, with rape and incest exceptions allowed up to 15 weeks, approved by DeSantis. Democrats hope that the initiatives will help reverse a dramatic drop in turnout among their voters in 2022.

A March poll by the University of North Florida found that 3 in 4 Florida voters opposed a six-week abortion ban without rape and incest exceptions.

"Florida is really a case study in the difference between politics and policy," said freshman Rep. Maxwell Frost (D-Fla.), a member of the Biden campaign's national advisory board. "DeSantis thrives in the void where it is just about politics."

Democrats have not won a presidential race in Florida for more than a decade, since Obama's 2012 reelection. DeSantis enjoyed a 19-point victory over Democrat Charlie Crist in 2022, and Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) won reelection by 16 points.

One Biden adviser, who requested anonymity to discuss campaign strategy, said the midterm results, though disappointing, suggested a path forward for the party. Neither state had a full campaign investment from the party, and the president's accomplishments around prescription drugs, defending entitlement spending and manufacturing investment lined up well in the states.

"We are stronger today with the Florida electorate than we were in '20, and we have more to run on," the adviser said.

But Republicans tout their increasing voter registration advantage in the state: Republicans flipped a deficit in 2020 and have 538,000 more registered voters than Democrats.

Nikki Fried, the former state agriculture commissioner who was the last Democrat to win a statewide race in Florida, recently became the chair of the Florida state party. She noted recent visits to the state from Biden, Vice President Harris and other nationally recognized leaders. She was also arrested last month during a sit-in protest of the recently passed six-week abortion ban.

"You haven't seen the chair of the Florida Democratic Party being arrested before, and it is bringing energy into the party again," Fried said.



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President Biden, with his wife, Jill, plans to invest heavily in trying to win North Carolina, a state the Democrats haven't won since 2008, in 2024. He also plans to challenge early in Florida.

Supreme Court to examine S.C. plan found to have 'exiled' Black voters

BY ROBERT BARNES

The Supreme Court on Monday said it will consider South Carolina's attempt to reinstate a congressional redistricting plan that a lower court found had "exiled" 30,000 Black voters to create a district safer for a White Republican candidate.

South Carolina has asked the court to schedule oral arguments at the beginning of its new term in October and issue a decision by Jan. 1 so the 2024 elections can proceed smoothly.

A three-judge panel in January said the plan by the Republican-led legislature split Black neighborhoods in the Charleston area to create a "stark racial gerrymander." After the changes, Rep. Nancy Mace (R) coasted to victory over a Democratic opponent, securing what has become a Republican-dominated 6-to-1 congressional delegation in the state.

The judges found that South Carolina's mapmaker tried to keep the African American population below a certain target in the district, treating Charleston County "in a fundamentally different way than the rest of the state."

"The strategies he employed ultimately exiled over 30,000 African American citizens from their previous district and created a stark racial gerrymander of Charleston County and the City of Charleston," said the panel, which was composed of two judges nominated by President Barack Obama and one by President Biden.

The judges, quoting from testimony at trial, found that the changes "were 'dramatic' and 'created tremendous disparity' in the placement of African Americans" in two congressional districts, including the district represented by Rep. James E. Clyburn, the House assistant Democratic leader.

After the panel rejected the map, South Carolina asked the Supreme Court to step in, saying that maintaining Republican dominance was the reason for the changes, not race. And it said the changes were partly to protect Clyburn, whose district had lost population over the past decade. The state's petition quoted one Republican legislator as saying: "Jim Clyburn has more influence with the Biden Administration perhaps than anyone in the nation, because he probably wouldn't be president if it weren't for Jim Clyburn." The state senator added, "I'm tickled to death that Jim Clyburn represents Charleston County."

South Carolina said the three-judge panel's "thinly reasoned order" rejecting the map unlawfully presumes bad faith on the part of the legislature and confused the racial effect of the changes with intent to discriminate.

The Supreme Court has said that partisan gerrymandering is not an issue for federal courts to decide but that attempts to discriminate on the basis of race are unconstitutional. The fact that Black voters lean dramatically toward the Democratic Party often makes for legal battles after the redistricting that follows every decade's new census.

> *"The strategies . . . created a stark racial gerrymander of Charleston County and the City of Charleston."*
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> **A three-judge panel,** rejecting a congressional district map in South Carolina

Redistricting challenges are heard by special three-judge district court panels, usually made up of a combination of district and appellate judges. Any appeal of a decision by those panels goes directly to the Supreme Court. In South Carolina's case, the three-judge panel rejected racial gerrymandering challenges to two of the state's seven congressional districts and agreed with one.

The Supreme Court in such redistricting cases is obliged to either affirm the decision of the special three-judge panel, overturn it or schedule it for full briefing and argument, as it did in this case.

The justices are separately considering a case that challenges a lower court's decision that Alabama must create a second congressional district, out of seven, in which an African American candidate would have a good chance of being elected. The charge there is that the Voting Rights Act is violated when minority voters are packed into one district and then spread in small numbers among other districts so that their voting power is diluted.

A decision in the Alabama case should come before the court adjourns for its summer recess at the end of June.

The new case is *Alexander v. the South Carolina State Conference of the NAACP.*

Also on Monday, the court added to its caseload for next term a dispute between members of Congress and executive branch agencies about demands for information, an argument arising from requests for documents related to the former Trump International Hotel.

The case involves a 1928 law that allowed a minority — seven members — of the House Oversight and Reform Committee to request and receive information from executive agencies. But the General Services Administration turned down the request from a group of Democrats for details of the 2013 deal that allowed Donald Trump's company to lease the Old Post Office building to turn it into a hotel.

Much of the lawsuit is now moot: The hotel has been rebranded as a Waldorf Astoria, and the most inquisitive lawmakers are no longer in Congress.

But the Biden administration asked the court to take up the case to wipe out a ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit that said the lawmakers had the right to sue for the information.

The decision "conflicts with this Court's precedents and contradicts historical practice stretching to the beginning of the Republic," U.S. Solicitor General Elizabeth B. Prelogar wrote in her petition to the court. She said the law's "ostensible purpose is to facilitate the work of the Committee and the whole House, not to provide a perquisite to individual Members."

The case is *Carnahan v. Maloney.*



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They went to admire El Salvador's iron fist, and got arrested

Amid a gang crackdown, President Bukele has touted his nation as the safest and best in Latin America. But says one visitor: 'The reality is totally different.'

BY SAMANTHA SCHMIDT AND DIANA DURÁN

BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA — From his small town in rural Colombia, José Antonio Potes watched the videos with interest. A foreign leader claimed he had defeated the violent gangs that had terrorized a country considered one of the world's most dangerous.

The 27-year-old welder saw photos of alleged gang members massed into crowded prisons. He heard that the murder rate had dropped — cut by more than half, the government said. And he watched a smiling Nayib Bukele, the millennial president of El Salvador, announce in a video broadcast worldwide in January that his country would host next year's Miss Universe pageant.

"El Salvador is a country full of beauty," Bukele said, walking along a red carpet. "It has the best beaches in the world for surfing. Imposing volcanoes. Exquisite coffee.

"And now it has been converted into the safest country in Latin America."

Potes was convinced. Within days, he joined a friend in El Salvador, hoping to find work, earn in dollars and build a life in Bukele's crime-free paradise.

Then they got arrested. A day after his arrival, Potes and his friend, fellow Colombian Manuel Fernando Castrillon, were stepping out of a shopping mall when they were stopped by soldiers. They wanted to see their tattoos, the men recounted. The friends were accused of being members of a criminal gang and were detained for months, they said, sudden victims of the iron fist they had so admired.

"We let ourselves fall for this propaganda," Potes told The Washington Post. "And the reality is totally different."

Bukele's crackdown on violent, gang-driven crime, launched last year with a "state of exception" that suspends key civil rights, has resulted in the arrests of tens of thousands of mostly young men — many of them, their defenders say, for simply violating new curfews or having tattoos.

The approach has drawn condemnation from international rights advocates. It has also made Bukele wildly popular in his country — even among some family members of people who have been detained — and one of the most admired leaders in Latin America.

The face of the 41-year-old president appears on magazine covers and in widely shared WhatsApp memes. His name has been invoked by political leaders from Guatemala to Colombia to Peru. Governments in Ecuador and Jamaica, watching his example, have declared states of emergency of their own.

In a country with just over 6 million people, human rights groups say, more than 66,000 have been stuffed into overcrowded prisons. El Salvador has become the country with the highest incarceration rate; to accommodate the surge, the government has opened a new mega-prison that could become the largest in the world.

The U.S. State Department has warned citizens to reconsider travel to El Salvador, partly because of the risk of arbitrary arrest.

The Bukele administration did not respond to requests for comment on Potes and Castrillon.

At a time when crime rates are surging throughout Latin America — including in ordinarily peaceful countries such as Costa Rica, Chile and Ecuador — Bukele is being heralded by the right as a sort of savior. Polls consistently show him the most popular leader in the region, by a wide margin.

He might also be benefiting from the wave of anti-establishment sentiment across the region that has seen a succession of incumbents voted out of office.

"There's this match made in heaven between the image and the brand Bukele has been cultivating for a decade now and this particular moment in Latin American politics," said Manuel Meléndez-Sánchez, a Salvadoran political scientist and PhD candidate at Harvard University.

That image has been carefully crafted by Bukele's powerful public relations apparatus, an operation with wide reach on social media and growing control of state-owned news outlets.

In Colombia, it's resonating with critics of Gustavo Petro, the country's first leftist president, amid a lack of popular domestic leaders on the right. Petro and Bukele have fought publicly on Twitter. A candidate for mayor in Cali is running on promises to bring the Bukele model to Colombia's third-largest city.

Bukele's approach has also drawn admirers among U.S. Republicans. "For decades, the Central American nation was little more than a playground for ruthless gangs ... until President Nayib Bukele cracked down hard against the criminal element," Sen. Marco Rubio (Fla.) said last month. "In the words of local news media, the gangs now 'do not exist.' "

With rights suspended, police and military presence boosted, and media coverage restricted, killings in El Salvador last year dropped to the lowest level since the country's civil war ended in 1992, Bukele's government says.

But human rights advocates report widespread violations of due process, severe prison overcrowding, and deaths in custody.

"This is where his story of progress and security is threatened," said Juan Pappier, acting deputy director for the Americas at Human Rights Watch. "Any person, any working Salvadoran or foreigner, can be arrested any day with little to no evidence."

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> **Juan Pappier** of Human Rights Watch, on Bukele's "state of exception" that suspends key civil rights

At least 29 Colombians have been detained in El Salvador since the start of the government's emergency order, according to the Colombian Embassy in El Salvador. At least 19 of them have been accused of links to illegal groups.

It took Potes one day in El Salvador to experience it firsthand.

He arrived months after his friend. Castrillon was in Guatemala when he heard Bukele describe neighboring El Salvador as the best country in the world, "one free of robberies, of theft, of murders." With its dollarized economy, Castrillon saw an opportunity, and asked Potes to join him.

The pair were leaving a cosmetics store outside San Salvador, the capital, when the soldiers asked to see their documents — and any body art.

Potes showed them his chest, illustrated with a rosary, hands in prayer and the name of his grandmother. The soldiers said the tattoo was similar to one associated with a local gang, according to Potes; they later told Potes and Castrillon to strip down to be searched and confiscated their phones, both men said.

The Colombians were in the country legally, they said, under the 180 days allowed for tourists. But they were detained in the Ilopango prison, their heads shaved and their communications with the outside world cut off.

The friends were held in a cell with more than 500 other people, they said, packed in so densely that they had to sleep on their sides on the floor. They were told they would be detained for at least six months while their case was investigated. They were not given a hearing, they said.

It wasn't until mid-February that Potes and Castrillon were able to speak with someone outside the prison. The call came from the Colombian Embassy in San Salvador. The men shared contact information for relatives in Colombia and abroad and asked that they be told "that they are all right" and "that they love you a lot and God bless you," the embassy wrote in an email to at least one relative.

The men were accused of association with criminal groups under the state of exception, the embassy wrote.

After months went by, Potes's wife pleaded for help on the Colombian news network Noticias Uno. The story quickly went viral in the friends' home country. And soon, the men said, a group of three Salvadoran officials, including at least one from the presidential press office, was escorting them around San Salvador, taking them to a medical clinic and a barber, treating them to meals and hotel rooms, and directing them to record videos telling the world it was all a big misunderstanding.

The three officials did not respond to a request for comment. Bukele this month retweeted a video of Potes and Castrillon dancing after their release to Colombian music at a Salvadoran restaurant with their minders.

Potes said he was asked to refute reports that he had been detained for alleged links to criminal gangs. He was not told how the video would be used, he said, but only that it would help let his family know he was all right.

In the video, Potes says his detention had been "misunderstood"; he had been held for immigration issues because he had been working in the country without a proper permit. (Back in Colombia, Potes told The Post his statement was untrue; he said he felt obligated to record it.)

Once they were given cellphones, Potes and Castrillon saw the video had been published in Semana, a right-leaning news outlet in Colombia, which used it to deny claims that Potes had been ensnared by Bukele's crackdown on gangs.

Potes and Castrillon grew suspicious of their hosts. They contacted the Colombian Embassy for help returning home.

They landed April 30, less enamored of Bukele's paradise.

"They told us a thousand times over that we should stay in El Salvador, that it's the safest country in the world ... that they have the support of 90 percent of people," Potes said. "But what if the people inside don't have any way to speak?"



SALVADOR MELENDEZ/AP



COURTESY OF MANUEL FERNANDO CASTRILLON



MARVIN RECINOS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

TOP: Police stand guard in El Salvador's capital in March 2022 at the start of President Nayib Bukele's gang crackdown. ABOVE: Bukele announces last year that police and soldiers would set up "fences" to catch gang members. LEFT: Colombians Manuel Fernando Castrillon and José Antonio Potes, both 27.

DIGEST

SUDAN

'Terror and fear' amid airstrikes in capital

The Sudanese army carried out airstrikes in the north of the capital, Khartoum, on Monday, attacking its paramilitary rivals around a hospital that witnesses said was damaged.

Intense battles in Khartoum and its sister cities of Bahri and Omdurman have raged despite Saudi- and U.S.-brokered talks between the army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Jeddah aimed at securing humanitarian access and a cease-fire.

The fighting has spread to the western region of Darfur but has been concentrated in the capital, where RSF fighters have taken up positions and the army has used airstrikes and heavy artillery fire to target them.

"We're under heavy bombardment now in Sharq el-Nil and Rapid Support are responding with anti-aircraft guns," said 55-year-old Awatef Saleh. "All this is happening near our homes; we're in a state of terror and fear."

The unrest has killed at least 676 people and injured 5,576, according to official figures, though the real toll is expected to be much higher. Most hospitals have been put out of service.

— Reuters

MYANMAR

Cyclone leaves at least 6 dead, hundreds hurt

Rescuers on Monday evacuated about 1,000 people trapped by seawater 12 feet deep along western Myanmar's coast after a powerful cyclone injured hundreds and cut off communications. Myanmar media and rescue groups reported six deaths from Cyclone Mocha, but the true impact was not yet clear in one of Asia's least developed countries.

Strong winds injured more than 700 of about 20,000 people who were sheltering in sturdier buildings on the highlands of Sittwe township, according to a leader of the Rakhine Youths Philanthropic Association.

Myanmar's State Administration Council issued disaster declarations for 17 townships in Rakhine state.

A government official in neighboring Bangladesh said damage there was still being assessed, but about 2,000 homes had been destroyed and 10,000 others were damaged on St. Martin's Island and Teknaf in Cox's Bazar district. He said no deaths were reported.

— Associated Press

BELARUS

Lukashenko appears for first time in days

For nearly a week, the whereabouts of Belarus's authoritarian leader, Alexander Lukashenko, have been a mystery.

The 68-year-old — a close ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin — was seen at a May 9 Victory Day parade in Moscow, looking pale and bloated. He skipped a celebratory breakfast in the Kremlin to fly home. Later that day, he appeared at similar event in his capital of Minsk.

For days afterward, however, he missed other scheduled appearances, feeding speculation on social media about his health.

"There are many rumors about the dictator Lukashenko's health," exiled opposition leader Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya tweeted Monday. "For us, it means only one thing: we should be well prepared for every scenario. To turn Belarus on the path to democracy and to prevent Russia from interfering."

Shortly after that, a Belarusian state news channel released a photo of Lukashenko at what it said was a military command center. State TV later broadcast a clip of Lukashenko at what it said was a central air force command base, sitting and talking to officers. Dressed in a military uniform, Lukashenko appeared to have a bandage on his left hand and to be short of breath at times.

— Associated Press, Reuters

China jails 78-year-old American for life: China sentenced a 78-year-old U.S. citizen to life in prison Monday on spying charges, in a case that could exacerbate the deterioration in ties between Beijing and Washington over recent years. Details of the charges against John Shing-Wan Leung, who also holds permanent residency in Hong Kong, have not been released. He was detained April 15, 2021, by the local bureau of China's counterintelligence agency in the southeastern city of Suzhou.

U.S. candidate to head U.N. migration agency: Former White House adviser Amy Pope was elected to head the U.N. migration agency, prevailing on Monday in a tense contest against a Portuguese incumbent who had the support of European countries — and was her boss. The International Organization for Migration said Pope would become the first woman to lead it when she begins her five-year term Oct. 1.

— From news services

Erdogan has the advantage as Turkey's presidential election heads to runoff

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ISTANBUL — President Recep Tayyip Erdogan led his challenger, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, by a healthy margin after a first round of voting in a critical Turkish election, according to preliminary results announced Monday by the national election board, but he fell just short of an outright majority — setting up a runoff election on May 28.

Ahmet Yener, chairman of the Supreme Election Council, said that as of Monday morning, Erdogan had received 49.5 percent of the vote to Kilicdaroglu's 44.9 percent.

On the eve of the vote, the contest was seen as Erdogan's toughest electoral challenge during his two decades dominating Turkish politics, and a referendum on his increasingly autocratic rule. Voters said they were concerned with the poor state of an economy marked by high inflation, and the government's halting response to devastating earthquakes in February that killed more than 50,000 people in Turkey and neighboring Syria.

The opposition appeared more united than ever. Its chosen candidate, Kilicdaroglu, promised to bolster the country's democracy, reduce tensions with foreign allies and return to consensus leadership after years of Erdogan's centralized control. The election outcome promises sweeping consequences for the economy and political freedoms at home, as well as the balance of global power, given Turkey's prominent role as a mediator or participant in conflicts from the Middle East to Ukraine.

But the preliminary first-round results — which also showed that Erdogan's ruling party alliance had retained control of parliament — shifted the narrative of the election toward discussions of Erdogan's political dexterity and his powerful advantages as the incumbent. A shaken opposition tried to regroup as it reckoned with its missteps and inflated expectations, stirred by pre-election opinion polls that suggested Kilicdaroglu could win.

Returns indicated that Erdogan retained support even across large swaths of the earthquake zone in southern Turkey — a region that just a few months ago was a cauldron of anger over the government's slow rescue response, which residents said had cost lives.

Both campaigns promised victory in the second round. "I'm here, I'm here," Kilicdaroglu said in video posted Monday afternoon, apparently aimed at rallying his crestfallen supporters. "I swear to God that I am going to fight until the end. I am here," he repeated, banging his desk for emphasis.

"We will emerge victorious from the 28 May election," Erdogan said in a Twitter message late Monday. "Hopefully we will achieve a historic success."

Analysts said it would be hard for the opposition to prevail in the runoff, given the first-round results and Erdogan's control of state institutions and much of Turkey's news media. Already, there were signs that Erdogan's tactics, including running a relentlessly negative campaign that tarred the opposition as supporters of "terrorist" groups, had paid dividends.

In the weeks before the vote, Erdogan also raised salaries for public workers and provided free gas to households. Campaign videos and events leaned heavily on appeals to national pride and featured Turkey's burgeoning defense industry.

As the president's speeches were given blanket coverage on Turkish news outlets, Kilicdaroglu spread his messages to the public largely through his Twitter account, in monologues recorded at a kitchen table on topics such as the economy.

The early results showed that the "populist-nationalist narrative is effective in every country," said Asli Aydintasbas, a visiting fellow at the Brookings Institution. "Liberalism is structurally disadvantaged against populist autocrats."

In that context, the opposition would struggle in "getting to 50 percent" in the second round of voting, she said. The preliminary parliamentary results suggested that even if Kilicdaroglu did somehow prevail, he would struggle to get his policies past the legislature.

During a chaotic election night, the opposition accused the ruling party of trying to stall the process of vote counting, saying the results for hundreds of ballot boxes in Ankara and Istanbul were being challenged. "There are ballot boxes where the vote has been contested six times, 11 times," Kilicdaroglu said. The election council insisted that was not the case.

A report by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, or OSCE, which sent observers to monitor the election, found that "voters had a choice between genuine political alternatives and voter participation was high, but the incumbent president and the ruling parties enjoyed an unjustified advantage, including through biased media coverage."

"Election day was generally well-organized and assessed positively," it said, "however, instances of deficient implementation of certain procedures, particularly during voting and counting were noted."

In the early hours of Monday, Erdogan was triumphant as he addressed supporters from the balcony of his Justice and Development Party (AKP) headquarters in Ankara, telling them he thought that his campaign had won in the first round but that he was willing to accept a runoff — the first in the country's modern history.

Erdogan, 69, who first gained national prominence as the mayor of Istanbul, the country's most populous city, has dominated Turkey's politics for two decades. A deeply polarizing figure, he has been accused by critics of diluting democracy by using repressive tactics against civil society and the media, while concentrating power as president. Supporters say he has modernized the country through massive infrastructure projects and brought Islam back into public life.

Kilicdaroglu, in contrast, presented himself as an everyman during the campaign, promising to tackle financial woes — Erdogan's unorthodox economic policies have contributed to soaring inflation — and strengthen democratic norms. But he was outshined by others in his party,



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TOP: Supporters of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan listen as he speaks at his party headquarters in Ankara early Monday. ABOVE: Polling officials wait with bags of ballots in Diyarbakir.

including Ekrem Imamoglu, the popular mayor of Istanbul, who became the star of the opposition's presidential campaign.

The election has the potential to remake geopolitical alliances as the war in Ukraine drags into a second year and Arab states normalize relations with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's government after a civil war in which hundreds of thousands of civilians were killed, most of them by his forces.

Under Erdogan, Turkey, a NATO member, has balanced relations between the West and Russia, sometimes acting as diplomatic intermediary over a Black Sea grain deal and the freezing of conflict lines in Syria, straining relations with the United States and the European Union.

On the final day of campaigning, Erdogan accused the United States of trying to interfere in the election. The ballot boxes, he predicted, would "give [President] Biden an answer."

The preliminary results appeared to show that Kilicdaroglu's religious background — as a member of Turkey's long-persecuted Alevi minority, a group with beliefs that are distinct from the country's Sunni Muslim majority — had cut into his support.

"It seems that in big cities there was a desire for change, but across the country, in parts of the Sunni heartlands, there was an unmistakable rejection of an Alevi candidate," Aydintasbas said. Erdogan, she said, had "consolidated" conservative Sunni Muslims.

The surprising success of a third, ultranationalist candidate in the presidential race showed that Turkish voters did "want change" from Erdogan, she said. "They just didn't think Kilicdaroglu was the guy to do it."

And Erdogan's blistering and unsubstantiated attacks on the opposition, accusing it of association with the militant Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, also "seem to have resonated," she said. The attacks — based on support for the opposition from a major Kurdish-led party — included a fabricated video of PKK commanders clapping to Kilicdaroglu's campaign song.

Beyond Erdogan's attacks, though, "there is no overlooking the fact that the opposition picked the risky candidate," Aydintasbas said.

Loveluck reported from Cambridge, England, and Masih from Seoul.







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Josefina Reynaga applies makeup outside as Francisco López looks up at his uncle Cristian Reynaga on his horse. In 2021, Cristian Reynaga became Compton's first Latino mayoral candidate on the ballot.

In Black-led city, a Latino majority wants political sway

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election fraud.

Latino activists attribute their lack of representation in Compton's elected offices to a struggle to find candidates and traditionally low voter turnout, among other issues. In 2021, during the city's last mayoral election, Latinos made up an estimated 38 percent of votes cast despite being 50 percent of registered voters, according to a Washington Post analysis of voter registration data from the political data firm L2. Black residents accounted for roughly 45 percent of votes cast, while making up only 32 percent of registered voters.

The entrenched Black leadership has also done little to engage with the Hispanic community, Latino activists say, while clashing over the need for Spanish-speaking government workers. That has resulted in a lack of murals and monuments dedicated to Latino heroes, they say.

"It's a very pro-Black environment right now in the administration within Compton," Diaz said. "It's just constant events and movements that are pro-Black and not necessarily for all in Compton."

Compton began voting in Black leaders, including its first Black mayor, in the 1960s after the civil rights movement and the passage of the Voting Rights Act.

In a statement, the city's mayor, Emma Sharif, who is Black, said she is proud of Compton's history "as one of the first and only cities in the region to have as much Black representation as we have had." Being voted into public office "while Black Americans fought racial segregation and discrimination — that has a special significance for me," she added.

She "cannot speak to why" there has never been a Latino mayor, Sharif said. "I hope there will be more Latino representation in our future." In the meantime, she said, the city is doing "quite a bit to engage with the Latino community, but we know there is always more to do."

Some Black residents say they fought too hard for political power to relinquish it just yet — and that Compton's Black leaders are still battling racism from other racial groups.

"It's like 'Game of Thrones.' We have to keep this power. We have to keep the little bit that we have, which is all we have," said Nina Childs, a Black local activist and filmmaker. "And we're not giving it up."

The story of people of color calling on White leaders to cede power for more diverse representation is deeply rooted in American history. But Compton reflects a newer power struggle, which experts say the nation may see more of in the years to come as traditional White and Black strongholds grow more Latino and the Latino community demands more political representation.

The tension is driven by the continued growth of the Latino population, already about one-fifth of the country, while the White population declines and the share of the Black population stagnates.

New York and Houston, two of the nation's most populous and diverse cities, haven't had a Latino mayor in more than 100 years. Neither has Chicago, the nation's third-largest city, whose Black and Latino populations are nearly on par.

"Political power is probably always the slowest thing to change because you control the money and the resources that you don't want to give up, especially if you fought for it for a very long time," said Jennifer Jones, a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago and author of "The Browning of the New South."

"That power is difficult to let go of and you still have some constituents that you want to make sure are not abandoned again."

The mounting tension from these demographic changes erupted into public view last year in Los Angeles, where Latinos make up half of the population but less than a third of council seats. In a recording leaked in October, council members discussed ways to increase Latino representation through the redistricting process using vulgar and racist language against the city's Black and Indigenous communities. The release of the recording led to days of protests and three Latino leaders resigning.

The Los Angeles council's controversy did a disservice to Latinos seeking better representation across the country, said Adriana Orozco, a Compton community advocate. Conducting conversations about increasing Latino representation with her Black counterparts without appearing anti-Black is already challenging, said Orozco.

"It's sad and it's discouraging, but I'm not going to let that stop me … it's actually going to push me to be better," she said.

On Connecting Compton's weekly rides, Diaz and the other riders are waging their own campaign. Children scamper out of houses to pet the horses' manes and neighbors in their yards pause to wave as they pass by. They're preparing for their next horse parade — a cabalgata — later this year which typically draws hundreds of residents, mostly Latinos, who they hope to





TOP: Angelica Barajas cuts Darwin Ramirez's hair at Josefina Reynaga's beauty salon. Reynaga says it was the first Latino beauty salon in Compton, opened in 1990. ABOVE: Isabel Casillas, a manicurist, gives a pedicure to her friend Maribel Pena Loza at her home. Both friends are entrepreneurs. Compton's Hispanic advocates say that Latinos are not represented enough during local events or through artwork across the city, and that some government documents are still not translated into Spanish.



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The Compton Project is a nonprofit that builds community in the city and focuses on youths of color by organizing skateboarding competitions as an alternative to gang and gun violence.

turn into voters in the 2024 election.

"This is our opportunity to tell our story, our opportunity to capture the history, to talk about it and get people involved," Diaz said.

Little progress

Compton has been at the center of fights for power before. It was once a predominantly White, wealthy community where actor Kevin Costner was born in the 1950s.

Black people were kept out by racial covenants that prevented them from buying homes. As those restrictions were lifted, Black families moved in and White people left. In 1963, the city elected its first Black city council member, marking the start of Compton's rise as an iconic Black stronghold.

But as the city's crime rate exploded in the 1980s, some Black families began to leave for wealthier, safer communities. They were replaced by Mexican and Central American immigrants, some of them undocumented, seeking cheap rent and working-class jobs. The demographics of the city changed but it remained poor with a 17 percent poverty rate, compared with 11 percent nationwide. Only 9 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher.

Compton didn't elect its first Hispanic city council member, Isaac Galvan, until 2013, after a lawsuit against the city argued that the at-large council positions discriminated against Latino voters. It led to single-district council seats, and Galvan served for nine years until being ousted after a judge ruled he had rigged votes to win his 2021 reelection campaign. Galvan denied the allegations.

In the years since, advocates say there has been little progress.

Although about 65 percent of residents speak a language other than English at home, some government documents are still not translated into Spanish, local events rarely incorporate Latino cultural touchstones — such as mariachi troupes or papel picado — and Latinos are not represented enough in the artwork across the city, local Hispanic advocates say.

For years, Candace Leos Valdepeña, founder of Compton Advocates, which champions local Latino issues, has translated city and community notices for Spanish-speaking residents, while hosting citizenship classes and Mexican bingo.

"We'll have raspados and Mexican candy and treats, bacon-wrapped hot dogs for everyone to enjoy," she said. "And while they were there, then all right — let's talk about how there's an election coming up."

Recently, President Biden signed a bill, introduced by one of the city's two congresswomen, Nanette Diaz Barragán (D), to rename a post office after James Anderson Jr. — a Compton native who was the first Black Marine to earn a Medal of Honor.

"You'd think they'd do more research and realize the community isn't majority Black anymore. And hey, why aren't we recognizing the Latino community that has lived here for a long time as well?" said resident Christopher Martinez, 22.

City leaders say the Latino population is being served well.

"When people come to me and say there's no Hispanic representation, I say show me where Hispanics are getting short-changed. Show me where these kids are not getting the best education," said Charles Davis, school board president,citing the school district's graduate rate, which is nearly 90 percent, according it its website.

The city's mayor, Sharif, declined to be interviewed for this story but said in a statement that Compton in recent years has begun translating community materials and city meetings into Spanish in real time. She hasn't received complaints about the need to increase Latino representation in city murals or events, the statement said.

When asked about the city's outreach to the Latino community, Sharif cited the creation of the Compton Community Empowerment Coalition, describing it as "an inclusive coalition aimed at bringing the Black and Latino communities together to discuss neighborhood issues."

But the founders of Connecting Compton, Vecinos Unidos por Compton and Compton Advocates — among the largest Latino-led groups in the city — said they had not heard of it.

A historic mayoral race

In 2021, Cristian Reynaga became the first Latino mayoral candidate to run in the general election.

The race quickly got ugly.

Reynaga, who was born and raised in Compton, said he faced anti-Latino discrimination during the campaign.

"His concern will be for Hispanics just like other Mexican mayors," read one text sent to a member of Reynaga's campaign staff, which was reviewed by The Post. "Next thing he will be having kids from the border in Compton."

It's important to keep Black people in charge, said Jasmine Gates, 27, founder of the New Black History Makers in Compton, who supported Reynaga's opponent, Sharif.

"Once we hand that power over to a Hispanic, or non-Black person, it's going to be hard to get that back," Gates said, sitting alongside Childs, the local activist and filmmaker, inside the Yetunde Price Resource Center, a meeting space funded by the famed Williams sisters and named after their sibling, who was killed in a drive-by shooting in Compton.

Latinos should have representation in leadership, she said, "but as a Black woman I have to advocate for the representation of the people that look like me."

Childs chimed in: "We want you [Latinos] to have representation too. It's just having to be the right representation."

"Essentially we all want the same thing," Gates said. "We don't want a different Compton. We want a safe Compton, we want a better Compton, we want a Compton of leaders that hear us. The desires aren't far-fetched."

Reynaga narrowly lost the nonpartisan election to Sharif by about 200 votes, or 2.5 percentage points.

Given the small margin, change may be coming soon, said Robert Lee Johnson, a Compton native and author of "Notable Southern Californians in Black History."

"The next voting cycle, the next couple of cycles, you're going to see a big change in Compton," said Johnson. "What we'd like to see is a multicultural, mixed administration working for the betterment of the community as a whole, and I really think there's a chance for that to happen."

'The real Compton'

Compton's most famous cowboys are not the Latinos on horseback who proudly stroll through city streets. It's the Compton Cowboys, founded in the 1990s by a group of Black men to combat negative stereotypes and help keep the city's youths out of gangs. In 2019, Diaz and two fellow horseback riders decided to launch their own group, Connecting Compton, to raise awareness of Latinos' large presence in the community.

Last year, Connecting Compton led a voter drive in Arizona to get Navajo members to the polls. This year, they plan to replicate that effort in Compton.

"The Black community is really engaged. They show up. But the Latinos don't," said Valdepeña. "That has probably been my biggest challenge, is figuring out the best way to get my people to understand like, your voice is powerful and important as well — and your vote."

Daniel Zepeda, 32, a Connecting Compton co-founder, lives in a low-slung home down an agriculturally zoned residential street in Compton that belies an entire strip of land behind it full of crowing, neighing and mooing animals. He has numerous horses, goats, cows, dogs and chickens.

In the mornings, he and his neighbors often drink homemade pajarete, a traditional drink made with fresh goat's milk. In the evenings, they tend to their animals, milking the cows and taking their horses out for exercise.

"This," Zepeda said, "is the real Compton."

Lenny Bronner in New York contributed to this report.





TOP: Latino students walk to school in the morning in front of Rosecrans Elementary School. The building features murals of famous Black men. ABOVE: Daniel Zepeda, a founding member of Connecting Compton, and his father Sergio Luis Zepeda, tend to the animals at the family's ranch, which they've owned since 1988. They have horses, goats, cows, dogs and chickens.

Anti-corruption Guatemalan newspaper shuts down after publisher is jailed

BY MARY BETH SHERIDAN AND ALEJANDRA IBARRA CHAOUL

El Periódico, a crusading newspaper that exposed corruption in the Guatemalan government and other institutions, ceased publication on Monday, the latest victim of an escalating wave of repression against independent journalism in Central America.

In a final edition Monday, the 27-year-old newspaper said it had taken the "bitter and sad decision" to close following the jailing last year of its founder and publisher, José Rubén Zamora.

Its last front page featured a single headline: "We say NO to Power 1996-2023."

Dozens of journalists, prosecutors, judges and human rights activists have fled Guatemala in recent years as the government has taken an increasingly authoritarian turn.

In the case of El Periódico, not only is Zamora in prison but four of his defense attorneys also have been detained on criminal charges. Six reporters and three columnists are under investigation.

"It's really becoming a country where democracy is dying," said Eric Olson, director of policy at the Seattle International Foundation.

Independent media in Central America are facing some of their most difficult moments since several of the region's countries transitioned from dictatorship to democracy two decades ago.

The storied Nicaraguan daily La Prensa, edited by generations of the Chamorro family, left the country in 2022 after its publisher and journalists were imprisoned or harassed by the government of Daniel Ortega. In El Salvador, the investigative publication El Faro recently moved its administrative headquarters to Costa Rica, saying that its journalists had been targeted with spyware attacks, threats and "fabricated criminal accusations" during President Nayib Bukele's crackdown on gangs.

The Biden administration has identified strengthening anticorruption programs and governance in Central America as crucial to deterring illegal migration. "Despite all that," Olson said, "these countries have continued on this downward path and seem to be kind of ignoring the United States."

El Periódico distinguished itself with hard-hitting coverage of government corruption, publishing more than 200 investigations



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Journalist José Rubén Zamora, center, arrives at the court tower for the start of a trial against him in Guatemala City on May 2.

since President Alejandro Giammattei took office in January 2020. The daily has won many awards; Zamora was named one of 50 World Press Freedom Heroes by the International Press Institute in 2000.

The publisher has been in jail since July, accused of money laundering, blackmail and influence peddling. He has called his arrest a "political persecution." Analysts and human rights groups said it will be difficult for Zamora to get a fair trial in a system led by Attorney General María Consuelo Porras, a Giammattei ally accused of penalizing Guatemalan prosecutors who have pursued corruption or human rights violations. Last year, Porras was placed on a U.S. State Department list of "corrupt and undemocratic actors."

The attorney general's office did not respond to a request for comment Monday on Zamora's case. The government has said Zamora was being investigated for allegedly illegal business activities, not his journalism. No one answered the telephone in the presidential press office. Giammattei has defended Porras as independent.

Julia Corado, the editor of El Periódico, said Zamora's arrest had been a huge blow.

"The government thought we would only be able to keep the newspaper going for two weeks at most after he was detained, but the reporters and staff at the paper were strong and endured the attacks and harassment that followed," she told The Washington Post. Advertisers were threatened with criminal charges if they continued to do business with the newspaper, she said.

Under increasing financial pressure, El Periódico published its final print edition on Nov. 30, but continued to post news and opinion on online. Most reporters were laid off. Finally, the daily announced it was shutting down on Monday. The last edition featured an editorial written in jail by Zamora.

"Despite the fatigue, the severe adverse conditions, the humiliation and scorn, I will not give up my fight for freedom and democracy in Guatemala," he wrote.

Zamora, 66, was accustomed to pressure from the subjects of his newspaper's reporting. Years ago, assailants tossed grenades at his home. His car exploded outside a restaurant. In 2003, security forces broke into his home and held him and his family hostage for hours.

His son, also named José, said physical threats gradually gave way to legal harassment. At one point, the newspaper faced 140 civil lawsuits, which ate up time and money. "Then things evolved, and they began to use criminal law," he said.

Press freedom organizations have protested Zamora's prosecution. Leopoldo Maldonado, director of the Mexico and Central America office of Article 19, said the government was making "an example" of El Periódico to intimidate other publications.

"It's creating self-censorship among Guatemalan journalists and causing Guatemalans to lose their right to information," he said.

Gabriela Martinez contributed to this report.

Meet the Ivy-educated opposition leader who could end Thai military rule

BY BRYAN PIETSCH

For nearly a decade, Thailand has been led by an authoritarian military establishment — but Pita Limjaroenrat, an Ivy League-educated business executive and leader of a liberal opposition party, is seeking to change that.

The results of Sunday's election appear to have gone largely in his party's favor, potentially setting the stage for Pita to become the country's next prime minister, but rules set in place after a 2014 military coup could complicate that process.

Here's what you need to know about Pita and his liberal Move Forward party.

Who is Pita Limjaroenrat?

At 42, Pita is nearly 30 years younger than Thailand's current leader, retired general Prayuth Chan-ocha, who took power after the 2014 coup.

Pita was born in Thailand but raised in New Zealand before he returned to his native country and completed an undergraduate degree in finance and banking at Thammasat University in Bangkok. He went on to earn master's degrees in public policy and business from Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, according to his legislative biography.

Before becoming a member of Thailand's parliament in 2018, he worked as the head of ride-share company Grab's operations in Thailand and earlier as a consultant at Boston Consulting Group. When he was 25, he took over his father's agricultural company, saving it from bankruptcy, according to Tatler Asia, which named him to its "Gen.T" list of "the region's most promising young talent" in 2017. He led the company for a decade, according to his LinkedIn page.

What are Pita's goals?

Pita has pledged to move Thailand out of what he calls a "lost decade" of slow economic growth. Part of that plan, he says, includes diversifying Thailand's tourism-dependent economy and spreading it beyond the capital, Bangkok. In a televised interview with Bloomberg News last month, Pita said three main points of his agenda are to "demilitarize, demonopolize and decentralize."

Two of Pita's campaign promises have won over younger voters but potentially turned off older ones, who are more supportive of the country's ruling military and monarchy. He has said he would end military conscription — which he told Bloomberg News would help the economy — and has pushed for an end to Thailand's lèse-majesté law, which criminalizes speaking poorly of the monarchy. Rights groups and critics say that such laws have been used by the country's conservative establishment to target and persecute political opponents.

Pita threatens military rule

If Pita gains enough support to become Thailand's next prime minister, it will put an end to the military's nearly decade-long rule there. And it could renew Thailand's position as a democratic foothold in a region that is in some places marred by authoritarianism and conflict. Pita — liberal, Western-educated and fluent in English — could be an easier partner for Washington to work with as Beijing seeks to increase its influence in the region.

Speaking at a news conference Monday, Pita said that Thailand had "been through enough" in the past decade, and that his party's lead in preliminary election results marked a "new day" for the country. He said it was "safe to assume" that Move Forward and other parties had enough power in the 500-member House of Representatives to be able to assemble a coalition to form a new government. "The people of Thailand have already spoken," he said, adding that he was "ready to be the prime minister for all."

But his ascendance could be complicated by the military's lingering influence, including its power in the military-appointed Senate, whose 250 votes will also be included in the count to name a prime minister.

Adding to the uncertainty, opposition parties have expressed concern that the ruling establishment might try to rig the election in its favor. In his news conference, Pita warned that any attempt to interfere would come at "a hefty price" and that "the people of Thailand would not allow that to happen."

Asked at the news conference about the uncertainty that hung over celebrations in Bangkok on Monday, where a victory parade was planned, Pita said: "I'm not worried, but I'm not careless."

Rebecca Tan contributed to this report.



WAR IN UKRAINE

Luhansk strikes showcase Kyiv's longer-range missiles

Newly supplied Western arms could shift balance in air war in Ukraine

BY ADAM TAYLOR AND SERHIY MORGUNOV

KYIV, UKRAINE — An explosion rocked the occupied eastern Ukrainian city of Luhansk early Monday morning, the latest in a barrage of strikes in recent days that show Kyiv using new, longer-range weapons to hit deep inside Russian-held territory.

Luhansk, controlled by Russian-backed separatists since 2014, sits 60 miles east of the front line and has been out of reach of most Ukrainian weapons, making it a place of relative calm. Since Friday, however, it has come under regular attack.

The Russian Defense Ministry has linked the explosions in Luhansk to Storm Shadow cruise missiles, recently supplied to Ukraine by Britain, which have a range of 155 miles, as well as infrared targeting and stealth capability.

Russia reported the use of the Storm Shadows as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky arrived in London on Monday, making the latest stop on a tour of Western European countries.

Before Zelensky's arrival, the British government released a statement that promised to deliver "hundreds of air defence missiles," "hundreds of new long-range attack drones" and other unmanned aerial systems to Ukraine in the next few months. Neither Britain nor Ukraine has confirmed the use of the Storm Shadow missiles, which the U.K. government said it had provided on the condition that they be used only on targets within Ukrainian territory.

The Kremlin spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, issued a vague but menacing threat, telling reporters Monday that Britain's plans to supply additional weapons to Ukraine would not influence the outcome of Russia's war "but will lead to retaliatory actions by the Russian Federation."

The Storm Shadow's range is just over three times greater than that of the U.S.-supplied HIMARS multiple-launch rocket system already in use by Ukraine, and it could shift the course of the air war — putting most of occupied Ukraine, including illegally annexed Crimea, within reach.

A second explosion at a Luhansk barber shop later on Monday "badly injured" Igor Kornet, the interim interior minister of the Luhansk People's Republic, the Moscow-backed separatist government, according to Russian state media. That explosion was described as a grenade attack, rather than a missile strike.



REUTERS

A view of a damaged multistory apartment block following a blast in Luhansk in Russian-controlled Ukraine on May 15, in a still image taken from video obtained by Reuters. The eastern region has been under fresh attacks from Ukrainian forces since Friday.

In total, at least a dozen people have been injured and one killed in attacks in the city since Friday, according to local accounts.

In response to the attacks, the separatist regime announced it would shut off mobile internet in the region and ordered local officials to work from home.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said Monday that over the past day, Russia had intercepted one Storm Shadow missile, as well as 10 HIMARS missiles. It was not clear how many were fired in total.

The attacks on Luhansk appear to signal a new chapter in the air war — in which Russia until now has enjoyed a heavy advantage because of its larger arsenal of missiles and fleet of fighter jets and bombers — as new Western technology flows to Ukraine.

On Friday, pro-Russian social media accounts shared images of another new missile that they said Ukraine had used to attack Luhansk: the U.S.-made ADM-160 Miniature Air-Launched Decoy, better known as MALD. These long-range cruise missiles are designed not to inflict damage but divert antiaircraft fire during attacks.

When the British government announced Thursday that it would supply the Storm Shadow missiles, it became the first Western country to supply long-range missiles to Ukraine, answering a months-long plea by Zelensky.

Within just a few days, the weapon has achieved the sort of mythical, game-changing reputation enjoyed initially by the U.S.-made Javelin antitank missiles and the HIMARS.

"We've provided them a capability," said a British official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, when asked if Storm Shadow was used in the attack in Luhansk. "We'd expect them to deploy it, in line with the objective of repelling Russia's illegal invasion of sovereign Ukrainian territory."

In recent days, there have been reports of other unexplained attacks in other eastern areas far from the front line, including near the occupied city of Mariupol on the Azov Sea.

On Saturday, videos spread on social media of multiple Russian aircraft crashing in Bryansk, a Russian region along Ukraine's northern border. Russian state media later reported that an Mi-8 military helicopter had crashed, without giving an explanation. There were also reports of further crashes, including another military helicopter and two Russian fighter jets — a Su-34 and a Su-35.

The Ukrainian air force declined to comment on those strikes Saturday. That same day, Mykhailo Podolyak, an adviser to Zelensky, tweeted that the Russian planes were planning to launch an attack on the Chernihiv region and that their destruction was "justice" and "instant karma."

On Sunday, Yuriy Ihnat, the spokesman for the Ukrainian air force, said that the Russian aircraft "ran into some trouble" and that another helicopter had crashed at the same time.

So far, President Biden has rebuffed Zelensky's request for America's own long-range missile system — known as ATACMS, shorthand for the Army Tactical Missile System. ATACMS have an even longer range than the Storm Shadow, capable of striking targets up to 185 miles away.

The United States, along with other Western partners, has expressed concern about providing Ukraine with longer-range weapons, wary that Kyiv would use the munitions to strike inside Russia and escalate an already worrying conflict with its nuclear-armed neighbor.

Documents leaked to Discord and obtained by The Washington Post have shown that Zelensky privately pined for ways to strike Russia within its own borders.

On May 3, Russia accused Ukraine of staging a drone attack intended to kill President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin. Ukrainian officials denied involvement and said that Moscow was trying to create justification for retaliatory strikes.

Late Saturday and again early Sunday morning, air raid sirens went off in every one of Ukraine's regions as Russia attacked. The Ukrainian air force said that 25 drones and three cruise missiles were intercepted overnight, including every attempt to hit Kyiv, the capital.

Ukraine's air force has said that no damage has been caused by airstrikes on Kyiv since April 28, when Russia initiated a near-incessant barrage on the capital.

Again, much of the shift appears to be thanks to new technology. At the start of the war, Ukraine initially relied on Soviet- and Russian-made air defense systems — including the long-range S-300 and medium-range Buk systems.

In one U.S. document leaked on Discord, the Defense Department's Joint Staff predicted that Ukraine's "ability to provide medium range air defense to protect the [front lines] will be completely reduced by May 23," in part because of the difficulty of procuring more of the Russian-made ammunition needed for those systems.

But in recent months, Ukraine has increasingly been using Western systems that help plug the gaps. Last week, Ukraine said it had used the U.S.-made Patriot air defense system to shoot down a much-feared Russian hypersonic missile over Kyiv.

Still, many strikes are piercing the defenses.

On Saturday evening, cruise missiles struck the Ukrainian cities of Kharkiv, in the northeast, and Ternopil, in the west, where there was an enormous explosion. Local authorities in Ternopil said that a commercial facility was hit and that only two injuries were reported. Russian state media reported that the explosions were the result of a successful strike on an ammunition factory.

Russia rejects report on Prigozhin

BY FRANCESCA EBEL AND MARY ILYUSHINA

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov on Monday dismissed a report in The Washington Post that the founder of Russia's Wagner mercenary group, Yevgeniy Prigozhin, offered to reveal information about Russian military positions to Ukraine, calling the report, which was based on classified U.S. intelligence files, "yet another hoax."

"I can't comment, but it looks like yet another hoax," Peskov replied in response to a question during his daily call with journalists. "Unfortunately, even this respected publication has allowed itself to publish such hoaxes in recent years."

Peskov did not offer any basis for his assessment. In recent weeks, Prigozhin has angrily criticized leaders of Russia's regular military, including Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu and Chief of the General Staff Valery Gerasimov, saying they had failed to provide adequate ammunition to Wagner forces seeking to seize the eastern Ukrainian city of Bakhmut.

According to the U.S. intelligence documents, which were leaked on the group-chat platform Discord, Prigozhin told Ukraine's military intelligence in late January that he would disclose information on Russian troop positions if Kyiv agreed to withdraw its own troops from Bakhmut.

Wagner for months has led Russia's onslaught in Bakhmut but has so far failed to capture the city.

According to Ukrainian and U.S. officials, Prigozhin reportedly conveyed the proposal to contacts in Ukraine's military intelligence directorate, known as HUR, with whom he has maintained secret communications throughout the war.

Prigozhin lashed out at The Post over the report on Monday, but he did not address the specific allegations against him. Instead, in a sarcastic and obscenity-filled audio message posted to the Telegram messaging app, Prigozhin compared The Post to a prostitute and accused the newspaper of spreading disinformation.

"Of course they will try to pour s--- over me as long as they have the energy for it," Prigozhin said, referring to the newspaper. "It turns out I am fighting for Russia but Zelensky is also doing my bidding as well. So the left hand is fighting the right hand."

Prigozhin accused The Post of repeatedly trying to smear him.

He denied meeting Ukrainian intelligence officials in Africa, as one intelligence document indicated, but did not explicitly respond to the claim that he had offered to provide information in exchange for Ukraine's withdrawal from Bakhmut.

Prigozhin also speculated that the leak was planted by members of the Russian elite seeking to sabotage him and Wagner.

Prigozhin's frustrations over the course of the war and the battle for Bakhmut have been on public display.

He has published furious public statements openly criticizing Shoigu, Gerasimov and other officials and accusing them of failing to equip and resupply Wagner with sufficient ammunition, which he said led to high and unnecessary casualties.

In a separate statement, Prigozhin told the Daily Storm, a Russian outlet, that he was "absolutely sure" that the information in The Post report had been planted by "Russian-speaking citizens."

"I think ... they've been stealing for years the funds that were meant to be spent on defense and the greatness of the country and now they have to face it and be accountable for it in front of the people," he said. "So that's why they are trying to smear s--- all over the place thinking that this will help them."

Two Ukrainian officials confirmed to The Post that Prigozhin had spoken several times with the HUR. One official said that Prigozhin extended the offer regarding Bakhmut more than once, but that Kyiv had rejected it because officials did not trust Prigozhin and considered his proposals disingenuous.

A U.S. official also cautioned that there were similar doubts in Washington about Prigozhin's intentions. The Ukrainian and U.S. officials spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive information.

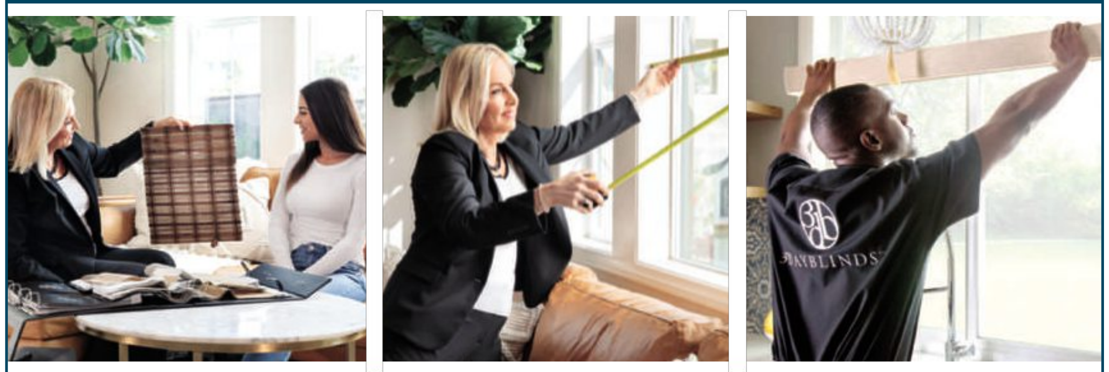
Prigozhin earned a fortune, and the nickname "Putin's chef," off government catering contracts. Wagner mercenaries have been active in Syria and numerous African countries where they have been accused of destabilizing governments.

Robyn Dixon and Natalia Abbakumova in Riga, Latvia, contributed to this report.

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IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel, seen in February, previously said the IRS would consult Congress before designing its own system.

IRS builds its own free e-filing system

The software, which will roll out in a pilot program by January, could disrupt the tax-prep industry

BY JACOB BOGAGE

The Internal Revenue Service has quietly built its own prototype system to allow Americans to file tax returns digitally and free of charge, according to three current and former agency officials, essentially creating government software that could disrupt the tax-prep industry.

The system will be available through a pilot program for a small group of taxpayers by January, when the 2024 filing season begins, said the people briefed on the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal agency conversations. It was developed by the IRS and the U.S. Digital Service, the White House's technology consulting agency.

Last year's Inflation Reduction Act, one of President Biden's chief legislative victories, included $15 million for the IRS to look into creating a direct filing program.

Treasury Department representatives declined to comment Monday.

"There's something very important about the fact that even beyond making it easy and beyond making it free, this is something you could do directly with your government," said Gabriel Zucker, associate policy director for tax benefits at the advocacy group Code for America, which has constructed its own tax filing prototype.

The IRS currently refers people seeking no-cost filing options to a consortium of companies that provide free e-filing for taxpayers below a certain income level. Though 70 percent of taxpayers qualify for those products, known collectively as IRS Free File, fewer than 3 percent of taxpayers use them, according to a Government Accountability Office report.

For a narrower range of taxpayers, industry giants Intuit TurboTax and H&R Block offer free products that the IRS does not officially endorse.

Other filers can complete "Free File Fillable Forms," digital versions of hard-copy IRS paperwork, without professional guidance.

The tax agency tapped the left-leaning New America think tank to study a direct filing system and produce a report, which is expected this week.

IRS Commissioner Daniel Werfel had previously told lawmakers that the IRS would consult Congress after the think tank made its recommendation and had not yet determined whether to pursue its own software program. But if the IRS already has a prototype before the New America report has been released, "this suggests a pre-determined outcome and flies in the face of previous commitments Commissioner Werfel made to publicly consult Congress on a potential free-file solution, and for the IRS to not act without explicit legal authority," said Sen. Mike Crapo (Idaho), the top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee.

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> **Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho)**

A free filing system offered directly by the federal government could upset a commercial tax-prep market estimated by the research firm IBIS World to be worth $14.4 billion this year.

"No matter the outcome of direct file, Free File is here to stay," said Tim Hugo, executive director of the Free File Alliance industry group.

The system of commercial programs for online filing has served taxpayers and the government well by many accounts. Roughly 9 in 10 individual tax returns were filed digitally in 2022, the IRS reported. The U.S. voluntary tax compliance rate — the proportion of filers who pay federal taxes accurately each year — of 85.1 percent is one of the highest among developed economies, according to years of research in the United States and Europe.

But some experts say the private-public partnership also reflects the IRS's technological deficits. Far smaller countries, including Estonia, Chile and Australia, offer government-backed digital filing services.

The Inflation Reduction Act granted the IRS $80 billion over 10 years to increase enforcement efforts for high-income earners, improve taxpayer services and modernize its technology. The Biden administration said the IRS needs the additional funds to catch up with sophisticated tax cheats and better serve low- and middle-income Americans entitled to a bevy of credits.

"You've got to develop this so it's comprehensive," former IRS commissioner Mark Everson said in an interview. "If it's just treating the more simplified [tax returns], what about the more complex sets of circumstances? Somebody is going to say, 'I'm not going to bother.' "

The agency plan also would allow taxpayers to solicit help from customer service representatives through secure online portals. That threatens to encroach on another area in which tax-prep companies try to differentiate themselves from the IRS by employing legions of accountants and other experts to serve filers in premium product lines or develop software tools to guide filers while completing their returns.

"Is there a need for government to come compete with and change a functioning private-sector industry?" said Timur Taluy, chief executive of Free File vendor FileYourTaxes.com and a member of an IRS consulting panel of online tax-prep experts.

Industry representatives have been outspoken to lawmakers and administration officials about the direct filing program.

"A direct-to-IRS e-file system is wholly redundant and is nothing more than a solution in search of a problem," Intuit spokesman Rick Heineman said in a statement, "and that solution will unnecessarily cost taxpayers billions of dollars."

Intuit spent $1 million between January and March lobbying both House and Senate lawmakers on issues including "tax system integrity" and "intellectual property protections," according to disclosures.

This month, Intuit began making payments to 4.4 million low-income Americans as part of a $141 million settlement to resolve claims that it misled taxpayers and diverted them away from free products to premium services. Under the terms of the settlement, the company did not admit wrongdoing.

H&R Block spent $720,000 over the same period on lobbying regarding various anti-poverty tax credits, "tax administration" and "Internal Revenue Service funding," according to its disclosure paperwork.

"Today, the consumer has great choice and flexibility in where they turn for free help, with more than 30 organizations offering free tax preparation, half of which are non-profit organizations," H&R Block spokeswoman Angela Davied said. "We remain committed to delivering the digital capabilities and human expertise and care that helps millions of Americans get the best outcome at tax time."

What's next in refusal to recall air bag device?

About 67 million vehicles could be affected by the issue

BY AARON GREGG

Federal safety regulators have directed a Tennessee manufacturer to recall air-bag inflaters used in roughly 67 million vehicles over concerns that bits of metal could explode when the air bag is activated, creating an injury risk even in relatively minor crashes.

Seven air-bag ruptures involving injuries led the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to tentatively conclude that the inflaters represented a "defect related to motor vehicle safety." It then demanded ARC Automotive of Knoxville to issue a recall.

This kind of request typically sparks a recall, experts say. But ARC Automotive refused, instead accusing the regulator of overstepping its authority while refuting the central conclusions underpinning the recall request.

Here's what car-owners should know.

Why did regulators want a recall?

NHTSA called for a recall after an eight-year investigation that included extensive product testing. The inquiry was upgraded after the July 2016 death of one driver, who had been hit in the neck by shrapnel.

ARC Automotive is a niche manufacturer of air-bag inflaters, small metal devices that send compressed gas into an air bag, activating it in the event of a crash.

During the manufacturing process, one part of the inflater is welded onto two pressure vessels. But sometimes excess metal called "weld slag" according to an April 27 letter signed by Stephen Ridella, director of the office of defects investigation at NHTSA.

He wrote that the inflater is put together in such a way that debris of sufficient size can block the opening that shoots gas into the air bag, causing pressure to build up.

"Over pressurization of the inflater has the potential to cause it to rupture resulting in metal fragments being forcefully propelled into the passenger compartment," Ridella wrote.

He identified seven incidents between 2009 and 2023 in which an air bag ruptured and a driver or passenger suffered injuries. One was fatal, and the driver in one incident was "severely injured."

Why is the company refusing a recall?

Steve Gold, ARC's vice president for product integrity, wrote in a May 11 response letter that NHTSA's recall request is too broad, and based on hypothetical scenarios rather than any objective technical or engineering conclusion.

Weld slag has not been confirmed as the root cause in any of the seven incidents NHTSA noted in its recall request, Gold said. He described them as isolated events, not a systemic problem.

"To the extent any root cause could be identified in these ruptures, ARC believes they resulted from random 'one-off' manufacturing anomalies that were properly addressed by vehicle manufacturers through lot-specific recalls, all with NHTSA's approval," Gold wrote.

He added that the information NHTSA presented in its letter falls far short of the legal standard for a "defect," and said NHTSA does not actually have the authority to "demand" a recall.

Brian Moody, executive editor of Kelley Blue Book, said the company is probably hoping for a narrowed version of the recall that would be less costly. A recall of this scale could be disastrous for ARC's business, he said, likening it to the recall of Takata Airbags that drove the Japanese manufacturer into Chapter 11 bankruptcy in 2017.

"With Takata it was the actual piece that was defective, whereas in this case it has to do with how the piece is installed," Moody said.

Still, "from the consumer perspective it doesn't matter … you still could be hurt," Moody said. "Metal fragments going through the cabin are a problem no matter where they came from."

Which autos are affected?

The recall affects air-bag inflaters produced over 18 years, leading up to January 2018. Afterward, the company started installing small borescopes tiny cameras used to monitor for possible welding defects which appear to have resolved the issue.

In its public letter to the manufacturer, NHTSA said it is not aware of any ruptures of an ARC air bag produced after January 2018.

Several automakers opted to carry out their own recalls. The first was a 2017 BMW recall covering six variants of the BMW X5, a midsize sport utility vehicle. Another recall that year affected Ford Mustangs and F150 pickup trucks. General Motors recalled a limited number of Chevrolet Malibu, Traverse, Buick Enclave and GMC Acadia autos. Volkswagen issued a recall covering various Audi and VW models.

However, there are still roughly 67 million air-bag systems that could be affected, the regulator said in its letter. That would cover a significant portion of the existing autos on the road. At least 12 U.S. automakers have used ARC's air-bag inflaters, according to a letter published by NHTSA.

What happens next?

Under NHTSA's process for product recalls, the next step would be for the agency to make an initial decision that the air-bag inflater does represent a safety defect — something it has already decided on a tentative basis.

Then, under federal safety laws, NHTSA could require the manufacturer to provide notice of the defect to all dealers, owners and purchasers.

That decision would cause the agency to schedule a hearing, allowing the company, the agency, and other parties to display their evidence.

A hearing could be a next step toward legal action against the manufacturer, Moody said. It's also possible that ARC could convince the agency to narrow its request.

"A public hearing would probably lead to producing evidence that could lead to something that happens in court," Moody said.

DIGEST

LEGAL

Musk loses appeal of SEC fraud settlement

A federal appeals court on Monday rejected Elon Musk's bid to modify or end his 2018 securities fraud settlement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which required a Tesla lawyer to approve some of his tweets in advance.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit in Manhattan rejected Musk's claim that the SEC exploited his consent decree to conduct bad-faith, harassing investigations that violated his First Amendment free speech rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Musk's decree resolved an SEC lawsuit accusing him of defrauding investors with an Aug. 7, 2018, tweet that he had "funding secured" to take his electric car company private.

It required advance review of tweets that might contain material information about Tesla. Musk and Tesla each also paid $20 million in civil fines, and Musk gave up his role as chairman.

In the appeal, Musk's lawyers called the preapproval mandate a "government-imposed muzzle" that amounted to an illegal prior restraint on his speech.

But the three-judge appeals court panel said the SEC had opened just two subsequent inquiries into Musk's tweets, and those tweets "plausibly violated" the decree's terms.

Alex Spiro, a lawyer for Musk, said in an email: "We will seek further review and continue to bring attention to the important issue of the government constraint on speech."

The SEC declined to comment.

— Reuters

ECONOMY

Household debt stresses rise, Fed says

U.S. households showed signs of increasing financial stress in the first quarter, with credit card balances not declining in the way they typically do at the start of the year and delinquencies rising for most types of consumer loans.

Households added $148 billion in overall debt, bringing the total to $17.05 trillion, according to a report released by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Monday. Balances are now $2.9 trillion higher than just before the pandemic.

Consumers typically build up more credit-card debt at the end of the year, during the holiday season, and then reduce those balances at the start of the following year, sometimes with the help of tax refunds. But for the first time in 20 years, that wasn't the case this year, suggesting some households are under strain from higher prices and may be relying on credit cards to maintain their spending.

The overall delinquency rate remained low by historical levels, at 2.6 percent. But the share of debt that became delinquent — meaning it was at least 30 days late — is rising for most loan types, including credit cards and auto debt.

Many households took advantage of federal stimulus payments and forbearance programs for student loans and other debt to build up savings and pay down credit-card debt and other loans during the pandemic. Some of that was reversed as consumers resumed more normal spending patterns, including traveling and going out to restaurants.

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ALSO IN BUSINESS

Americans are keeping their combustion-engine vehicles longer, according to a new study. The average age of U.S. cars and light trucks this year climbed to a record 12.5 years, reflecting supply constraints on dealer inventories of new vehicles in 2022, as well as reduced consumer demand from higher inflation and interest rates, the study by S&P Global Mobility found. Electric vehicles are bucking the aging trend, according to S&P. The average age of battery electric vehicles fell to 3.6 years, down slightly from 3.7 years in 2022.

Canada's Northern Dynasty Minerals on Monday raised doubts about its ability to continue as a "going concern" if the company is unable to raise the necessary capital resources for its Pebble copper and gold mining project in Alaska. The Pebble project has been through a roller coaster of regulations for the past 15 years. Former president Barack Obama opposed the project, and his successor, Donald Trump, ultimately did, too, after deciding it was too risky. President Biden has also long opposed the project and took steps upon taking office in 2021 to permanently protect Alaska's Bristol Bay. In January, the Environmental Protection Agency said it plans to take steps to block the proposed Pebble project by preventing Northern Dynasty from storing mine waste in the state's vast watershed.

— From news services

In debt ceiling talks, GOP rejected tax loophole proposals

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cials. Staff members for the leaders spoke again Monday, and the lawmakers themselves are expected to huddle Tuesday. Spokespeople for the White House, McConnell and McCarthy did not immediately return requests for comment.

The budget agreement under discussion could include new limits on federal spending, a clawback of unspent pandemic aid funds and a package of permitting reforms designed to unleash domestic energy production, according to multiple reports confirmed by two other people familiar with the matter, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private negotiations.

The emergence of a potential deal follows months in which the White House and House Republicans were not even negotiating on an agreement and has fed optimism that the debt ceiling issue could be resolved in time. But several huge hurdles remain, with days to spare. House Republicans approved legislation to raise the debt limit last month that would have cut spending for many federal agencies by more than 20 percent — deep reductions that the administration views as a nonstarter.

Similarly knotty disagreements remain over how long the new spending limits should last, with the White House seeking only two years of "caps" on federal outlays and Republicans seeking limits that could last as long as a decade. While Republicans appear to have dropped their demands to block student debt relief, the party's leaders are insisting that any agreement include new work requirements on federal programs — a measure many Democrats strongly resist.

Biden told reporters on Sunday that he was open to the GOP's work requirements proposal, but White House spokesman Michael Kikukawa said in a statement that the president "has also been clear that he will not accept policies that push Americans into poverty."



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House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.), right, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) walk out of the White House on May 9 after a meeting with President Biden on the debt limit. McCarthy said Monday, "I just don't see any real movement on anything."

"I just don't see any real movement on anything," McCarthy told reporters Monday, emphasizing that work requirements must be part of any deal.

The GOP's rejection of the White House tax proposals — which has not previously been reported — reflects the near-unanimous opposition among congressional Republicans to using higher revenue to rein in the federal debt.

Republicans have characterized rising debt as an existential threat to the nation's future and economic health, and have aggressively sought to leverage the nation's borrowing limit — which must be raised to avoid a potential financial catastrophe — to force through trillions of dollars in spending cuts as a solution. The White House would prefer to cut into the debt with targeted tax increases.

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> **Steve Rosenthal,** a senior fellow at the Tax Policy Center, on the tax loopholes that the White House proposed closing for investments in cryptocurrency and in real estate

But Rep. Dusty Johnson (S.D.), a leader of the House GOP's moderate faction, told reporters Thursday that House Republicans have only two "red lines" in the negotiations, one of which is that the deal not include tax increases. (The other is for the debt ceiling increase to not be "clean," meaning Republicans will insist on some concessions.)

The White House proposals to close a cryptocurrency-related tax loophole and a real estate loophole were both previously pitched by the administration. The cryptocurrency proposal would ensure that investors could not claim a loss on an asset that they then quickly repurchased — a rule that already exists for stocks and other assets. Similarly, the real estate proposal would prevent investors from deferring taxes on swaps of property — similar to a rule for stock trades.

The real estate plan and the cryptocurrency rule changes would probably raise about $40 billion in new tax revenue, compared with the $4.8 trillion in spending cuts Republicans are seeking to close the deficit.

"Both of these proposals close loopholes — they close opportunities for taxpayers to reduce their tax liability artificially," said Steve Rosenthal, a senior fellow at the Tax Policy Center, a nonpartisan think tank. "Outside the affected industries, I don't think anyone feels as a tax policy matter that either are defensible."

The House passed legislation last month that would raise the debt ceiling and force spending cuts. But the bill would also abolish billions in clean-energy tax subsidies approved by the Biden administration — subsidies that some experts say clearly resemble business tax cuts, which means the effect of the GOP legislation would be to eliminate those cuts and raise more revenue. That bill would also eliminate billions of dollars in new IRS funding designed to help the agency pursue tax cheats.

Policy experts sharply diverge on the extent to which new revenue is needed to reduce the deficit. Congressional Republicans have been adamant that the U.S. deficit was caused by rising spending, pointing to trillions of dollars in higher federal outlays during the pandemic.

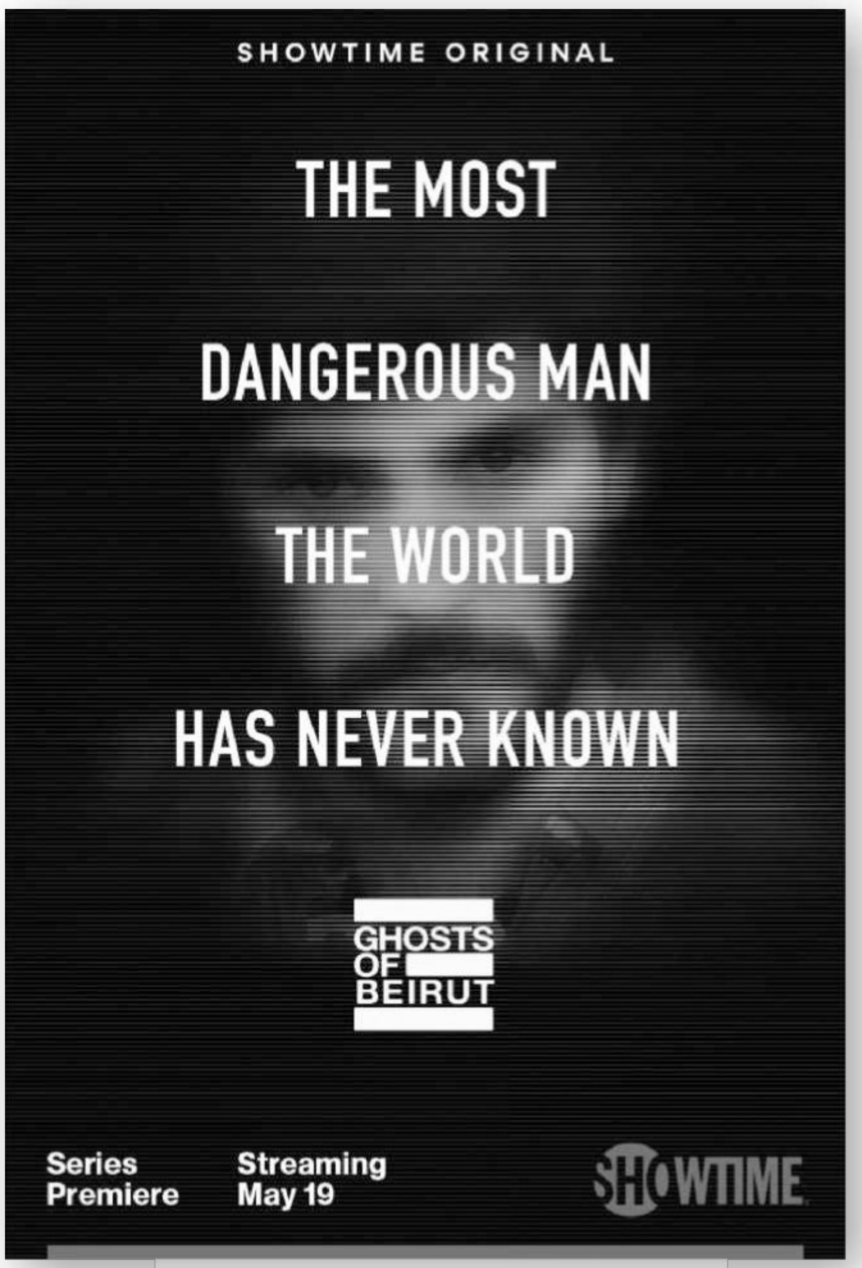
"Despite the federal government collecting as much in taxes from American families as at any point in our history, federal spending is rising even faster and our debt is soaring," McCarthy and other GOP leaders said in a statement this spring. "This is a spending problem, not a revenue problem."

Liberals have contested that premise. The Center for American Progress, a center-left think tank, found in a recent report that debt as a percentage of the U.S. economy would be falling without the tax cuts initiated by the two most recent GOP presidents. Revenue has been significantly lower than nonpartisan forecasters projected before the tax cuts.

"The debt ratio is increasing because of tax cuts, not spending, so taxes should be part of any deal around the debt," said Bobby Kogan, the report's author.

Paul Kane contributed to this report.

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E.U. breaks with Britain and U.S. to clear Microsoft's purchase of Activision

BY CAT ZAKRZEWSKI

The European Union on Monday cleared Microsoft's $69 billion purchase of the gaming company Activision Blizzard, a rare victory for the companies embroiled in a global battle to close one of the largest acquisitions in the history of the tech industry after blows from regulators in the United States and Britain.

Microsoft, the maker of the popular Xbox gaming console, agreed to concessions to gain the green light from the European Commission, which has traditionally taken an aggressive stance toward U.S. tech mergers and acquisitions. Under the agreement with the European Union, Microsoft will license popular Activision games, including Call of Duty and World of Warcraft, free to other cloud streaming providers.

The European Commission said in a Monday news release that these concessions "fully address" concerns that the deal would give the tech giant an unfair leg up in the nascent cloud gaming market, which allows players to stream games to their computers or consoles.

Microsoft announced its plans to buy the popular game maker as regulators around the world promised a tougher stance against the growing power of a handful of tech companies. Microsoft has vowed to fight moves from the Federal Trade Commission in the United States and Britain's competition regulator to block the deal.

The challenges signal a broader effort among regulators to prevent tech companies from gobbling up smaller competitors to neutralize competition in fledgling markets. Though cloud gaming is a small part of the video game industry, it is expected to grow exponentially as internet connections, data centers and technical capabilities improve.

Britain's Competition and Markets Authority said in a tweet that it "stands by its decision," warning that cloud gaming needs to "continue as a free, competitive market."

The European Commission's decision could bolster the companies' attempts to appeal the CMA and FTC's efforts to block the deal, though such efforts face tough odds in the United Kingdom, where courts have rarely overturned such decisions.

Microsoft faces a better outlook in the United States, where courts have held a relatively narrow interpretation of competition law and rejected similar arguments, including the FTC's lawsuit alleging Meta's purchase of Within would stifle competition in the nascent virtual reality market. An administrative law judge will hold an August hearing about the FTC's lawsuit to block the deal. The FTC declined to comment.



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Microsoft President Brad Smith. In a deal with the E.U., Microsoft agreed to license some games to other streaming providers free.

Both Microsoft and Activision celebrated the E.U.'s green light. Microsoft's president Brad Smith said the concessions the company made to the bloc "will empower millions of consumers worldwide to play these games on any device they choose."

After business leaders warned that Britain's decision to block the deal could stifle innovation in the country, Activision chief executive Bobby Kotick said the company's E.U. teams would "grow and prosper given their governments' firm but pragmatic approach to gaming."

The E.U.'s divergence from other regulators sends a mixed signal to businesses attempting to navigate an environment in which antitrust regulators have promised a more aggressive posture.

Harry First, a professor at NYU School of Law, said competition would be better served by keeping Microsoft and Activision as competitors in gaming, rather than allowing them to consolidate and then trying to constrain how they operate.

"The biggest policy issue is, are you going to let these huge companies get huger by merger?" he said. As long as Microsoft can continue to do so by offering deals, he added, it sends the signal to other giants that the answer is "yes."

First said that compared with the British CMA, the European Commission "is less concerned about allowing mergers and more willing to believe a settlement will actually fix things."

A preliminary investigation by the Commission found that the Activision deal could harm competition in both video game distribution and the supply of computer operating systems. But a more in-depth investigation by the group found evidence that addressed some of those fears, including that Microsoft had little incentive to withhold popular games like Call of Duty from Xbox rivals like Sony's PlayStation.

The Commission said this agreement could help bolster the relatively nascent field of cloud gaming.

"Ultimately, the commitments will unlock significant benefits for competition and consumers, by bringing Activision's games to new platforms, including smaller EU players, and to more devices than before," the Commission said in its news release.

The FTC's lawsuit takes a different approach, arguing that the deal would give Microsoft the ability to thwart competitors by withholding games from competing game systems entirely, or by manipulating pricing and degrading game quality on rival consoles. The FTC also concluded the deal could have negative effects on cloud gaming, potentially squashing innovation in the new market.

The CMA found that Microsoft already accounts for about 60% to 70% of global cloud gaming services in the swiftly growing market, and the deal could further entrench the company's power. The British regulator warned that cloud gaming provides critical benefits to consumers, allowing them to play games from any device rather than being tied to expensive consoles.

Regulators' concern over cloud gaming puzzled analysts across the video game industry. Cloud gaming is not a primary strategy for any of the big console platforms, and consumers only see its value as a supplementary way to play video games.

Unlike streaming services like Netflix, video games require faster, sturdier internet infrastructure to limit the lag between a keystroke and seeing a reaction on screen. The Washington Post reviewed Google's failed Stadia project in 2019, which saw several seconds of delay of button-to-screen action. Fast-paced action games like the Call of Duty series are far from ideal as cloud gaming products, since it requires small input latency to be enjoyed.

Will Oremus and Gene Park contributed to this report.

Biden nominates director of National Cancer Institute for top job at NIH

BY DAN DIAMOND AND LAURIE MCGINLEY

President Biden on Monday nominated cancer surgeon Monica M. Bertagnolli to be head of the National Institutes of Health, seeking to fill the leadership role atop the $46 billion health agency that has sat empty for more than a year.

"Dr. Bertagnolli has spent her career pioneering scientific discovery and pushing the boundaries of what is possible to improve cancer prevention and treatment for patients, and ensuring that patients in every community have access to quality care," Biden said in a statement, calling her a "world-class physician-scientist."

Bertagnolli, the director of the National Cancer Institute who has been receiving treatment for her own case of early-stage breast cancer, was previously chief of surgical oncology at Dana-Farber Brigham Cancer Center in Boston, president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and chair of a clinical trials organization. If confirmed by the Senate, she would become the 17th director of the sprawling research agency and the second woman to lead it.

Biden's planned selection of Bertagnolli was first reported last month. The NIH director position has been empty since Francis S. Collins stepped down in December 2021 after a 12-year tenure. Lawrence A. Tabak, a longtime NIH administrator, has been serving as the agency's acting director.

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities called on the Senate to quickly confirm Bertagnolli.

"Dr. Bertagnolli is a gifted surgeon and trailblazing research leader whose personal and professional experience positions her to lead NIH at a critical time," Mark Becker, the association's president, said in a statement.

The NIH has faced mounting scrutiny from Republicans who have launched investigations of the coronavirus pandemic, including whether the agency's funding of virus research inadvertently led to the pandemic. House Republicans last week also passed a bill that would potentially cut NIH funding by billions of dollars, prompting warnings from agency officials.

"There will be a chilling effect on the entire biomedical research enterprise," Tabak said at a Senate hearing this month. "It'll decrease interest in research careers. . . . It really bodes poorly for the future of biomedical science."

Meanwhile, progressives and advocacy organizations have put their own pressures on NIH, anticipating Biden's announcement of a new director.

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who leads the Senate health committee that will review Bertagnolli's nomination, told The Washington Post this month that he would oppose health agency nominees who wouldn't "stand up and fight" the drug industry.

Sanders pointed to NIH's rejection of a petition by prostate cancer patients to allow the government to step in and license patent rights to another manufacturer for pricey cancer drug Xtandi as a policy that he wanted reversed. Eight advocacy organizations this month also called on the Biden administration to grant the patients' appeal.

The Biden administration in March announced plans to review whether it had authority to step in and license patent rights to certain drugs.

Ellen Sigal, chair and founder of Friends of Cancer Research, an advocacy group, praised the Bertagnolli nomination.

"Dr. Bertagnolli is a physician-scientist and a patient herself, and deeply understands the intricacies and personal impact of biomedical research," she said.



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CHRISTINE EMBA

Why do Americans want guns? It comes down to one word.



At the Nation's Gun Show in Chantilly, spirits seemed high. People wandered from booth to booth, and the scent of popcorn filled the air. It could have been mistaken for a state fair or weekend flea market were it not for the rows of weapons and accessories — gun parts, AR build kits and body armor — laid out on every surface. It was easy to overlook the one common emotion underlying the event: fear.

Here were weekend shoppers intently inspecting tools of death: moms testing the heft of handguns and dads stocking up on ammo. When I asked attendees and sellers what gun ownership meant to them, most replied with the same word: "protection."

The previous week had brought three highly publicized shootings. Ralph Yarl, a Black teenager in Kansas City, Mo., was allegedly shot by an 84-year-old White man after he rang the wrong doorbell to pick up his younger siblings; a 65-year-old man in Upstate New York allegedly shot and killed a 20-year-old woman who accidentally pulled into his driveway; and two cheerleaders in Texas were shot after trying to get into the wrong car after a practice.

For all the talk of protection, gun violence is now the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States. Yet over and over, people told me they needed their guns to keep themselves safe.

Safe from what? Most couldn't answer; they simply had a feeling that the world had become a more dangerous place. How would they use their guns in a crisis? Their confidence in their own abilities seemed inflated.

This manifested in the constant invocation of the word "tactical" — a gun-industry buzzword used to suggest that buyers of weapons, body armor and shooting courses will be able to engage with enemies like trained soldiers. In other words, a fantasy.

Republican leaders, including Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, have resisted calls for increased gun regulation after shooting deaths, arguing that the root problem is mental illness. But the paranoia that fuels gun-buying has come to seem like a mental health issue in its own right.

"It's crazy out there," a woman named Dinah told me, an unloaded rifle slung over one shoulder. "People don't care anymore, and criminals go for the low-hanging fruit. I don't ever want to be in a situation where I can't protect myself."

A record-high 56 percent of Americans believe crime has increased in their area, even if reality is more complicated. Republicans in particular have grown sharply more concerned. Many Americans no longer assume that a stranger might be well-meaning, innocent or harmless; rather, the world is seen as an increasingly dangerous place. Incessant media coverage of violent events has encouraged this thinking, the gun-show attendees told me. And poorly understood "stand your ground" and "castle doctrine" laws perpetuate and protect a vigilante mind-set.

Perhaps the most troubling aspect of gun ownership for "protection" is the sharp-edged individualism it implies: an every-man-for-himself mind-set. Institutions can't be trusted, police will be unresponsive, and the government might one day turn on you. Your only obligations are to yourself and your family.

Individual fear becomes a greater priority than collective safety. Increasing the number of guns in the system will almost certainly spell death for others, but at least *your* gun will keep *you* safe.

"You can't predict who is going to shoot someone," one ammunition salesman told me. "It's just the nature of the evil world we live in. So I've got to be prepared."

Today there are about 393 million privately owned firearms in the United States, according to an estimate by the Switzerland-based Small Arms Survey — in other words, 120 guns for every 100 Americans. That's the highest rate of any country in the world and more than double that of the next country on the list.

The gun owners I spoke to were open to some violence-prevention measures. They suggested mandating training courses, raising age limits for gun-buying or cracking down on dealers who sell to people not legally allowed to buy guns.

But no one was willing to give up their own weapons. They would rather "open the floodgates," as one shooting instructor put it. If *everyone* has a gun, the theory goes, everyone will be more careful. If the side effect is a private arms race in a country already flooded with guns, so be it.

Over and over again, I heard the NRA-approved phrase: "An armed society is a polite society." But guns might be leading us to give up on the concept of society altogether.



MATT BAI

His name is Kennedy. His campaign is pure Trump.

It doesn't surprise me at all that a Trumpian candidate would emerge inside the Democratic Party, someone trying to run for president with the same cynical mix of star power and misinformation that fueled a nationalist uprising in 2016. It was inevitable from the moment Donald Trump showed us how easy it was to unmake a party in the age of social media.

What I would not have predicted is that the Trumpian challenge on the left would be waged by someone named Kennedy.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. — Bobby to all who know him — would no doubt object to the comparison. He's an environmental lawyer, a Hollywood fixture, a man who I'm sure harbors not a speck of white-nationalist sentiment.

Kennedy even tweeted this past week that "UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES" — his capital letters, not mine — would he agree to become Trump's running mate, because their governing philosophies "could not be further apart." That he felt compelled to make such a statement, however, tells you that they could be at least a little further apart. Maybe a lot.

The similarities have little to do with policy, though there is some overlap there. Rather, what makes Kennedy profoundly Trumpian is a dark strand of populism mixed with self-grandeur and self-created reality.

Like Trump, Kennedy burst onto the cable-TV scene with not a day of actual governing experience but loads of celebrity. He's a Kennedy, after all, and the one who has always most physically resembled his father — an asset among the octogenarian Democratic set that is hard to overstate, even all these decades later.

He registered nearly one-fifth of the Democratic vote in public polling before anyone had heard him speak. Which says a lot about the enduring Kennedy mystique but even more about the unease with President Biden's reelection.

Like Trump, Kennedy is given to skillful demagoguery, casually misleading with the conviction of a truth-teller. In a Fox News interview with a sympathetic Sean Hannity, Kennedy explained how the coronavirus vaccine — which he seems to regard as a vast societal evil, like opioids or the War on Christmas — utterly failed to stop transmission of the virus, just as the government secretly knew it would.

Of course, the main point of the vaccine wasn't to stop us from catching variants of the virus — it was to stop those variants from killing us at intolerable rates. Which it did.

What makes Kennedy most like Trump, though, is the overlay of conspiracy and contempt that tinges nearly everything he says, the destructive distrust in the electorate he seeks to channel. During the rambling, nearly two-hour, Trump-like monologue in which he launched his campaign in Boston, Kennedy sketched the bleak tableau of a government wholly owned and controlled by corporations, of nefarious powers in both parties hellbent on enslaving people with bureaucratic mandates.

Kennedy made light of the schisms in his own famous family; several Kennedys have publicly criticized him for opposing vaccines and don't support his campaign. But that rift hints at a deeper truth, which is that Kennedy has a lot more in common with Trump than with the famous relatives to whom he connects himself.

By constantly invoking his father and his uncle — President John F. Kennedy — Kennedy holds himself out as a bridge back to the golden age of American liberalism. But instead of "ask not what your country can do for you," he offers a variation on the Trumpian theme of trashing government and science while stoking fear and resentment.

Instead of, in his uncle's famous words, paying any price and bearing any burden for liberty around the world, Kennedy bizarrely accuses his government of killing hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians by helping them fend off Russian barbarism. He decries the $100 billion cost of keeping Vladimir Putin's army out of the rest of Europe — a fraction of the nation's military budget. This sounds awfully much like "America First" and nothing at all like the New Frontier.

I met Bobby decades ago, when many Democrats were pushing him to run for Senate in New York. He seemed to me then more grounded and more thoughtful. I liked him and thought he could win.

But that was before Kennedy began to see conspiracies in every corner, railing against the corporate media's secret agenda, even lobbying for the release of his father's killer, Sirhan Sirhan, on the grounds that he was somehow framed. It was before Trump came along and established a new paradigm in American politics: the entertainer who replaces party loyalty with populist grievance, at the cost of truth.

I don't think Kennedy will get very far testing that paradigm — not in this party, not at this moment. But I've been wrong before, and he won't be the last to try.

CORRECTION

Leana S. Wen's May 9 Tuesday Opinion column, "We must stop fentanyl-laced pills from killing teens," incorrectly stated the Drug Enforcement Administration's estimate of the number of illegal pills containing a potentially fatal dose of fentanyl. The DEA estimated that 6 out of 10 illegal pills laced with fentanyl contained a potentially fatal dose.

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A gas station at a Sam's Club in Morrow, Ga., is closed in May 2021. Shortages were caused by a cyberattack that crippled the Colonial Pipeline.

Fighting ransomware takes more information

Few victims report attacks. Without the data, the problem is harder to solve.

THE GOOD news on ransomware is that attacks seem to be decreasing where, in the past, they've hit hardest. The bad news is that the numbers might not tell the full story.

The Institute for Security and Technology's influential Ransomware Task Force released a progress report this month that was altogether heartening: Not only have 92 percent of the group's recommendations "seen some action," but also the usual suspects are laying off the usual targets. Attempts to hold data hostage at critical infrastructure companies such as the oil-carrying Colonial Pipeline or the meat processor JBS Foods have slowed. One blockchain-analytics firm found that payments dropped by 40 percent last year — down to $457 million from $766 million — and another report indicates the payment rate on demands has sunk from 85 percent to 37 percent in the past three years. The so-called life span of the average ransomware exploit has plummeted in two years from 265 days to 70.

But there's one number that throws all the others into some doubt: FBI and Justice Department representatives said recently that only about 20 percent of ransomware victims report attacks. How many ransoms were paid that authorities never heard about?

Victims of ransomware have compelling reasons to keep quiet about it. They might worry their company's security systems will seem too lax to clients or investors. And in cases where they pay up, they may fear legal consequences for doing criminals' bidding. Some hacking groups are subject to U.S. sanctions that companies might violate by complying with their demands. There are ways to ameliorate these obstacles — and, perhaps not so coincidentally, they line up with task-force recommendations.

Last year's Cyber Incident Reporting for Critical Infrastructure Act included a requirement that critical infrastructure companies report cyber incidents and ransomware payments to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Those standards are under development. The Securities and Exchange Commission is also considering a rule that would impose reporting requirements on private companies.

These could be the first steps in building a robust process for firms under attack to review their options before resorting to paying a ransom — which should, as a matter of policy, be considered a last resort. The surest way to kill the extortion industry, after all, is to make it unprofitable. Continuing to improve the federal government's emergency response services to help victims better navigate these crises and, ideally, get back online will be essential to this process. So will reducing liability for companies that comply with federal frameworks for boosting their cybersecurity and reacting to breaches.

Information-sharing more generally is key to quelling the ransomware epidemic, and while the United States has come a long way in collaborating both with the private sector here at home and with partner countries globally, there's more work to be done — with increased reporting at its core. Better information could allow authorities not only to understand the issue's magnitude but also to map connections among those who develop the hacks, those who deploy them and those who allow them to move their money around. It could assist organizations already under attack in limiting the damage, and it could tip those who *might* be attacked off to their vulnerabilities. A clear picture of the ransomware problem could also aid authorities in understanding not only whether attacks are down but also why: The recent reported drop, for instance, could be attributable to hardened systems and more aggressive authorities or it could largely be thanks to the Russia-Ukraine war redirecting the efforts of hackers in the area.

There are other reasons not to celebrate so early. The threat is rising in the global south. And even here in the United States, less of a problem doesn't mean no problem: Ransomware took hold at 2,025 educational institutions, 290 hospitals and 105 local governments in the United States in 2022. Just recently, investigators seeking records on police calls to the home of a suspect in the Allen Premium Outlets mass shooting were stymied by a ransomware attack that tied up Dallas government computers. It's only one example of the very real risks to public safety that this scourge presents.

Certainly, the government and its peers deserve credit for what they've done so far to fight cybercriminals: improving global law enforcement cooperation to track down malicious actors, disrupting gangs as well as cryptocurrency exchanges that have become hotbeds for laundering stolen funds, devoting more money to defenses. To know just how much credit that is, however, the statistics have to be more than best guesses.

Healthy buildings, healthier people

Improving air quality in schools and businesses is vital, CDC reports.

THE CORONAVIRUS pandemic taught Americans to wear good masks, avoid big crowds and test often to stop the spread of viral illness. Also crucial, but not fully understood early in the crisis, is that indoor air quality is key to reducing viral transmission. Fortunately, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released on Friday pathbreaking new guidance to improve ventilation in buildings, with specific targets that can make a difference the next time a novel virus strikes — or even when a bad flu is going around.

Although it wasn't widely understood when the pandemic began, virus particles spread person-to-person when exhaled in both larger droplets that fall to the ground and smaller aerosols that hover for hours. Clouds of virus particles do not disperse easily in stagnant indoor air. Just recall the dark days of the pandemic, when the virus stalked cruise ships, church choirs, prisons, meatpacking plants and other tight, enclosed spaces. Outdoors, the air moves faster and virus particles dissipate more quickly.

Most buildings in the United States were constructed to meet minimal air quality standards unsuited to mitigating respiratory disease. According to Joseph G. Allen, an associate professor and director of the Healthy Buildings program at Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, this "sick building" problem long predates the pandemic but the pandemic experience is helping to accelerate change. It showed that simple improvements such as bringing in more outside air, upgrading filtration and enhancing ventilation slow disease spread. "Healthy" buildings can also reduce the transmission of other respiratory ailments, including influenza and RSV; can help reduce asthma exacerbations and allergy symptoms; and can improve cognitive functioning for people working and studying in them.

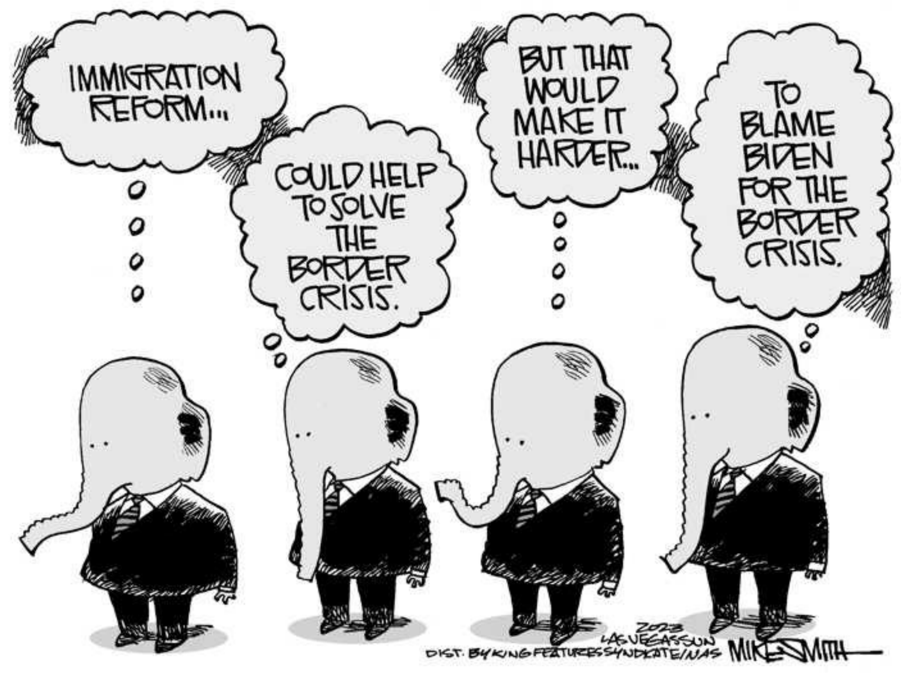
The CDC previously recognized the importance of improving air quality, but on Friday the public health agency published revised guidance that for the first time prescribed a specific target of five air exchanges per hour. This means supplying, or exhausting, the amount of air in a space five times over the course of an hour. The target can be met in different ways — with a combination of outside air and improved filtration and ventilation. While the new target "will not guarantee totally safe air in any space," the CDC says "it reduces the risk of exposure to germs and other harmful air contaminants."

Likewise, most buildings in the past were equipped with filters known as MERV-8 that are designed to protect equipment and capture about 20 percent of airborne particles. The CDC has now called for buildings to install MERV-13 filters that can capture 80 to 90 percent of particles. Also significant, the standard-setting American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers has completed and published a draft of its first-ever standard for maintaining healthy indoor air quality, with a final draft due this summer.

Although substantial pandemic-era funding remains available, a CDC survey of U.S. schools conducted from August to December last year found only a patchwork of ventilation improvements. Many schools were built to accommodate only three air exchanges per hour. Mr. Allen suggests that buildings first be given a "tune up" to check performance, then maximize outdoor air and upgrade filters, which are inexpensive.

Ultimately, the issue is not only about particles and filters. It will be up to businesses, workers, students, parents, scientists and everyone else to demand change in the buildings in which they spend so much of their lives. Do you know the air exchanges per hour at your workplace or classroom? The CDC is now giving us a yardstick to measure by. Americans should use it.

DRAWING BOARD MIKE SMITH



BY MIKE SMITH FOR THE LAS VEGAS SUN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Parkinson's journey

Although I applaud the courage of Rep. Jennifer Wexton (D-Va.) in advocating acceptance and support of Parkinson's disease, I worry that the May 13 Metro article "Jennifer Wexton's fight for her life" could have the opposite effect. The article depicted her determination to continue in public service despite her diagnosis at a relatively young age but contrasted this with an image of the typical Parkinson's patient as a very old man in a wheelchair, debilitated and beaten down. This is untrue, stereotypical and, frankly, cruel.

In fact, as the article stated, Parkinson's is diagnosed in people as early as their 20s, and it usually begins some years before it is identified and treated. It also is known to affect every patient differently. In my experience, all that is absolutely true.

It is also true that people at all stages of the disease continue to fight for their mobility, their jobs, their lifestyles. In our Fairfax County condo community, I know at least a dozen people with Parkinson's — women and men at various ages and stages. The majority are high achievers who contribute greatly to our condo and county governance and lifestyle, who seek and share resources that improve their lives and who, like Ms. Wexton, do all they can to stay active and slow the progression of the condition.

I hope The Post will take another look and, when raising awareness of Parkinson's, make sure the story is complete. And please don't wait until next April's awareness month to tell it.

Bonnie Jacob, *Alexandria*

As someone who has Parkinson's disease, I was pleased to read of Rep. Jennifer Wexton's own fight against its progression. The article noted how important it is for people with Parkinson's to engage in programs of physical therapy and vigorous exercise. But the article's last sentences ("She couldn't fight Parkinson's any more literally: She was taking up boxing") might have left readers wondering: Why boxing?

The boxing program specifically designed for people with Parkinson's is Rock Steady Boxing, whose noncontact classes help build our strength, flexibility, coordination and endurance. I hope Ms. Wexton's experience is like mine when, after three years of Rock Steady Boxing classes, I feel fitter than ever and am wholly embraced by my fellow boxers.

Jonathan Chace, *Chestertown, Md.*

What we learned from CNN

Regarding Erik Wemple's May 12 Friday Opinion column, "CNN let itself get steamrolled by Trump":

I think former president Donald Trump has a large base because there are a lot of U.S. citizens who feel democracy isn't working for them and they can't win. They want an authority to single-handedly stop the changes they oppose.

The way to re-democratize members of Mr. Trump's base is for them to know they're being heard and democracy is working for them. It means giving Mr. Trump mainstream platforms. Even more important, it means giving his very frustrated supporters highly public, mainstream platforms — but not anonymous. We need to help them be heard and honored as citizens of the United States who deserve a voice at every government and mainstream media table.

Perry Skeath, *Chevy Chase*

Regarding the May 12 front-page article "CNN brass under fire for Trump town hall" and Erik Wemple's May 12 Friday Opinion column, "CNN let itself get steamrolled by Trump":

The decision to hold a town hall event with former president Donald Trump might have been more useful than first meets the eye. In contrast to rallies, the format allowed a serious effort to be made by well-prepared Kaitlan Collins to choreograph the CNN broadcast. As was apparent with one of the questions from the audience, she introduced the questioner by stating what the question was going to be about, and she was ready with a series of follow-up questions on the same topic.

Informationally, it became apparent that the former president would not necessarily sign a bill to further curtail abortion rights, consistent with his previous warnings to the GOP not to push abortion bans too vigorously. His statement that he would settle the Ukrainian conflict "within 24 hours" indicated that he would probably favor a freezing in place of the current battle lines. He expressed a willingness to separate families to deter migrant crossings into the United States.

Aside from obvious inaccuracies, there were items to fact-check, such as the widely disparate descriptions of how much wall he had built and much else.

Should the presidential nominees be President Biden and Mr. Trump, the comments and fact checks emanating from this type of town hall meeting could be useful in elucidating Mr. Trump's positions if Mr. Biden experienced a disqualifying medical event close to the election.

Similarly, a well-crafted town hall meeting with Vice President Harris would also be useful.

Max Cohen, *Potomac*

Many have criticized CNN for allowing former president Donald Trump to participate in a town hall meeting in New Hampshire on Wednesday with a Republican-leaning audience, as noted in the May 12 front-page article "CNN brass under fire for Trump town hall." I do not.

I admit that Mr. Trump's egregious misrepresentations were multiple and abhorrent. The audience's laughter and applause at them also dismayed me. But we had the opportunity to be reminded of Mr. Trump's profoundly angry and paranoid demeanor and of his deliberate ignorance and thus to recognize once again the existential threat that his election would pose for this country.

Stanley I. Rapoport, *Washington*

The documentary "The World According to Dick Cheney" was criticized because the filmmakers did not confront or challenge the former vice president on his positions. Their reasoning was that by doing so, they were able to have him reveal more about his views than otherwise. The same could be said about the town hall meeting with former president Donald Trump on CNN.

Does confronting or challenging someone such as Mr. Trump get anywhere? Or is it better to let him reveal himself?

It appears Mr. Trump did more harm than good for his candidacy by taking the latter approach. He has received condemnation from Republicans and did not win over any voters outside his loyal base. He reiterated views that he has outlined time and again, but his latest performance showed how dangerous he is to American democracy. He would pardon insurrectionists. He called Jan. 6, 2021, a great day. He still claims the 2020 election was stolen. He slandered E. Jean Carroll again.

On and on he went with the same nonsense, as a super PAC supporting Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, his likely Republican presidential primary opponent, called it. Letting Mr. Trump be Mr. Trump, as former House speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) often argues, was not a good thing for him in this case.

George Magakis Jr., *Norristown, Pa.*

Rural America relies on AM

Regarding the May 1 front-page article "Era of AM radio crackles off into sunset":

In rural America, AM radio is important because it has a longer transmission range than FM radio transmission, especially at night. Also, all over America, the top and bottom ends of the AM spectrum are sources for emergency or traffic problems broadcast by various departments of transportation, probably for the technical reality mentioned in the previous sentence.

I don't care for satellite radio because it does not have local information.

Jack Boak, *Bremen, Maine*

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Heaven is for real — on TikTok

Do you ever wonder what heaven is like?

Well, I know, because I have seen it in a joyful, witty TikTok series featuring Denise, heaven's receptionist.

Denise is a gum-chewing, keyboard-clacking office worker — in heaven — who answers the phone, greets new arrivals and gives out the WiFi password. She asks the dead what they want their ghost outfits to be and checks them back in from visits "downstairs."

"Denise" was created by Taryn Delanie Smith, the current Miss New York and media personality and a former receptionist herself. In a white bathrobe standing in for celestial robes, using a pink plastic razor as a headset, she nails the details of office life: the strained politeness on the phone with a difficult client, the sotto voce comments to colleagues, the group coffee order, the faulty printer. Between calls, Denise gossips about Jackie O. bumping into Marilyn Monroe or complains that Paul Revere writes every email in all caps.

Playful as it is, Smith's vision of heaven conveys serious ethical content, as all visions of heaven do — and have done, from Jesus' rating a rich man's likelihood of entering the Kingdom of God as, essentially, "fat chance" (Mark 10:25), to debates over the possibility of moral progress in NBC's "The Good Place."

Do good deeds get you in? Do you have to believe certain things? Can you still go if you've done something wrong? What even *is* wrong?

In one of my favorite Denise videos, a woman calls to make sure that her granddaughter won't be getting into heaven. Denise checks the file: "She's a mother, she's done a lot of good deeds. Things are looking good for her." When the caller explains that her granddaughter has had a child out of wedlock, Denise says, "So . . . I hope you're sitting down. Well, we don't care."

According to Smith's ethical worldview, extramarital procreation is not immoral, but unkindness is. Denise denies an Angel Premium Plus upgrade for a woman who rejected her gay son.

"Right, so do you remember, when you said all those things to your son Ricky when he came out to you? Yeah, right. So, we didn't like that. Yeah. Yeah. You didn't earn any points up here."

Also immoral: clerical greed. "So it says here you had a private jet," Denise says, checking the file of a megachurch preacher who calls to request an upgrade. "That's fun. Super fun. How'd you pay for the jet? Uh-huh. Okay. Okay. So I feel like . . . you know what I'm about to say."

Using the concept of eternal judgment to criticize the clergy is a time-honored strategy. In "The Divine Comedy," Dante Alighieri consigns to his fictional hell popes who got rich selling church favors and jobs. "Your avarice afflicts the world," Dante's pilgrim says, "trampling down the good and raising up the wicked."

Denise doesn't make pronouncements like that. She just explains the rules: "We appreciate the fact that you went every Sunday for 20 years. . . .But you also made . . . 48 Starbucks baristas cry and that does ding your credit up here."

Smith's moral code is refreshingly positive, ecumenical and uncomplicated. When I spoke to her recently, she told me that every religion she studied as a student at St. John's University is "kind of saying something very similar, which is treat people well in your life. Do as much as you can, do as much good as you can with whatever you have."

But I don't think this is the reason Smith's videos get millions of views. Heaven may be a way to express morality, but even more than that, it's a way to comfort people in the face of death. As brief and funny as they are, Smith's videos do that, too.

At some point, TikTok commenters started asking Denise to greet their deceased loved ones. So she sometimes looks up from her monitor, pulls down her headset and turns her brilliant smile on a new guest, offering to show them the salad bar or sending angels to accompany a child to the heavenly meadow where family awaits.

"Could u do one welcoming my baby Olivia?" @ashleynoelle29 asked. "I lost her two years ago but I know she's with my dad and grandpa but I miss her so much." So Denise pauses her office chitchat to welcome Olivia — speaking gently, saying "she's beautiful," "so small," "so sweet" — and it's pitch perfect.

Smith now reads thousands of requests a day and says she is sometimes overwhelmed by the feeling that she's sharing in her followers' grief. She wishes she could make videos for everyone.

In a way, though, she does. She has created such a vivid character that I don't need her to make me a custom video; I can simply imagine how Denise would have greeted my beloved English teacher when she died last month and what heavenly perks might delight Mrs. Stewart. I smile to think of it, even as my eyes well up. And even though I don't believe in heaven.

After all, most people who *do* believe in heaven — and that includes nearly 75 percent of American adults — still know that any "heaven" they envision now is made up. They won't find out what it's really like until, well, later. But made-up things can comfort us, too. And making up things together (Smith called the videos a collaboration with her viewers) is a certain path to human connection and, therefore, to consolation. Even in the face of death.

I don't believe in an afterlife, but I believe in the power of art and the collective imagination. I believe in the power of strangers to console one another.

I believe in Denise.



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Taryn Delanie Smith poses as Denise, heaven's receptionist, a TikTok character she created, in New York on Friday.



Taryn Delanie Smith

LEANA S. WEN

Loosen the controls on birth control

Reproductive health advocates have long fought to make oral contraceptives available without a prescription. Their perseverance might finally be paying off: Last week, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously in favor of granting over-the-counter status to one such medicine, Opill.

The FDA should agree with its advisers and not delay approval. It's beyond time for the United States to join the more than 100 countries that have made birth control pills available without a prescription.

Decades of research have demonstrated the safety, effectiveness and ease of use of birth control pills. The FDA first approved oral contraceptives in 1960. Opill itself was approved under a different name 50 years ago, in 1973. By 2005, more than 500 million women globally were estimated to be using hormonal contraceptives. Today, about 1 in 4 American women between ages 15 and 44 who use birth control choose oral contraceptives as their method of choice.

Serious side effects are extremely uncommon. With perfect use, meaning if the individual takes the medication every day around the same time, oral contraceptives are 99 percent effective at preventing pregnancy. With typical use, they are 93 percent effective — still more effective than typical use of other nonprescription methods such as condoms, spermicide and fertility tracking.

Increasing access to a highly effective contraceptive method is a public health necessity. This urgency has been heightened with the onslaught of restrictions limiting abortion care.

Nearly half of all pregnancies in the United States are unintended. Compared with planned pregnancies, unintended ones are associated with worse health outcomes for both the baby and the mother. Adolescent mothers have a particularly high rate of unplanned pregnancies and pregnancy complications, and teen pregnancy is associated with lower educational attainment and generational poverty. Though teen birthrates have been dropping in recent years, about 30 percent of first births still occur among teenagers.

Despite the evidence and public health justification in favor of Opill's over-the-counter application, its approval is far from certain. At the recent advisory meeting, FDA officials raised three major concerns, none of which I believe are reasons to hold up this approval.

First, they expressed worry that women wouldn't understand that Opill shouldn't be used by patients with a history of breast cancer or who are taking drugs that have medication interactions. But studies have found that women are capable of self-screening for eligibility. Moreover, many medications available without a prescription have serious contraindications. Aspirin and ibuprofen shouldn't be taken by patients with gastrointestinal bleeding. Tylenol and Benadryl have many drug interactions and can lead to death when taken in large quantities. Yet the FDA allows these medications to be on drugstore shelves with appropriate warning labels, as it should with Opill.

Second, officials noted that the effectiveness of the pill depends on patient adherence. But again, women are capable of following basic instructions. In the manufacturer's study of 883 women, 92 percent took Opill every day. The compliance rate was similar in teens and those with low health literacy. The most common reason cited for missing the pill was running out of them, a problem that would be reduced if there weren't a prescription requirement.

Third, some detractors point to the rising rates of advanced cervical cancer and sexually transmitted infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis. If women had to get a Pap smear and receive instruction on safe sex methods before being prescribed the oral contraceptive, wouldn't that increase cancer detection and STI screening?

These critics are right to raise awareness of the disturbing trends in women's health. But withholding birth control to coerce women to access health care is not the right solution.

There is no medical rationale to do so. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists explicitly states that "pelvic and breast examinations, cervical cancer screening, and sexually transmitted infection screening are not required before initiating hormonal contraception and should not be used as reasons to deny access to hormonal contraception." The organization supports making the pill available over the counter, as do the American Medical Association and American Academy of Family Physicians.

Moreover, tying birth control pills to preventive care assumes that all patients who want to see a doctor can. That's not the case. More than 19 million reproductive-age women live in contraceptive deserts. Nearly 8 million women in this age group are uninsured. Those concerned about women's health should work to increase primary care and preventive services rather than add barriers to contraceptive access.

Here's one more crucial data point: A survey by KFF in 2022 found that 77 percent of reproductive-age women support over-the-counter birth control pills. Women clearly want to be trusted with their own reproductive health decisions. The FDA should listen to women and heed the guidance of the medical community and the unanimous recommendation of its own advisory committee.

A breath of fresh air for America's sick buildings

BY JOSEPH G. ALLEN

We might be on the verge of an indoor air quality revolution, and it could be among the most important public health victories of the 21st century.

Two events in the past few days have contributed to this moment: First, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday released a new health-based ventilation target that can dramatically improve indoor air. Shortly after, a less well-known but powerful standard-setting organization called the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) boosted the CDC's recommendations by releasing its own enhanced ventilation standard, open now for public comment.

You might be thinking, "Is this really news?" Haven't we been discussing the importance of ventilation since it became clear that the coronavirus was primarily transmitted through the air?

Yes, the CDC and other groups did call for higher ventilation rates. But they failed to put out a target number. Without a specific ventilation standard, that resulted in confusion and a lack of accountability. "Did you improve ventilation?" is very different from "Did you improve it by a specific amount?"

The CDC's new goal is at least five air changes per hour (ACH), meaning the equivalent of all the air in a room is replaced five or more times within an hour. For context, a typical home has less than 0.5 ACH. This represents the first time *in history* that the agency has set a ventilation target to address respiratory infectious diseases.

This is not an arbitrary number; it is right in line with the guidance of four to six ACH that I laid out with a group a researchers in June 2020 to help get schools open, later published in JAMA. It also follows the recommendations of a task force I chair for the Lancet Covid-19 Commission, made up of experts from around the world.

The problems of inadequate ventilation go beyond infectious disease.

The inadequacy of our previous approach was made clear to a devastating degree during the pandemic. The virus slammed into a population that spends the vast majority its time indoors — in offices, senior-care facilities, meatpacking plants, prisons — with bare-minimum ventilation standards since the 1970s. Is it any wonder the pandemic was as disastrous as it was?

It's not just the coronavirus that spreads indoors. Influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) and other respiratory pathogens do, too. And the problems of inadequate ventilation go beyond infectious disease. Poor ventilation has been linked to "sick building syndrome," which includes headaches, inability to concentrate, worse performance on cognitive function tests, more missed workdays for adults, and worse performance on math and reading tests for children of all ages in schools.

The CDC also made other important recommendations, such as raising minimum filtration rates with higher-grade MERV-13 filters, which capture not only particles from lungs but also those from outdoor air pollution. This is a no-brainer. The agency also recommends regular tuneups for buildings, which can improve energy efficiency and save money.

Kudos are due. When Rochelle Walensky took over the CDC in early 2021, ventilation started to appear on the agency's website as key to addressing the coronavirus. She ultimately approved the latest targets. The White House team, in particular the Coronavirus Task Force led by Ashish Jha and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, also elevated the issue and held a summit on indoor air quality last fall, signaling that it was a top priority.

That signal was heard, as ASHRAE's response shows. The industry group had previously recommended low ventilation rates for schools, offices, homes and other places you spend most of your time.

Its course correction is necessary and in line or higher than what the Lancet Covid-19 Commission recommended. The specifics will likely change after the public comment period is up, and there are important questions it will need to address. For one, ASHRAE now has three guidance documents that are not fully aligned. Its previous standard for health-care settings recommended four to six ACH, and its guidance for schools released this winter recommended three to six. Its most recent recommendations call for roughly the equivalent of 24 ACH for hospitals and eight ACH for schools. (It used a different but related metric that I converted to ACH for comparison purposes.)

In one important aspect, ASHRAE's proposed standard doesn't go far enough. It differentiated between "risk mitigation mode" and "normal mode," meaning that its standard to improve indoor air would apply only during undefined "high-risk" periods. Because the proposal is framed that way, it's unlikely it will get into building codes as standard practice going forward; it will be reactionary. This isn't ideal. Don't we want cleaner indoor air at all times? Why not apply higher standards to every new building and every new renovation?

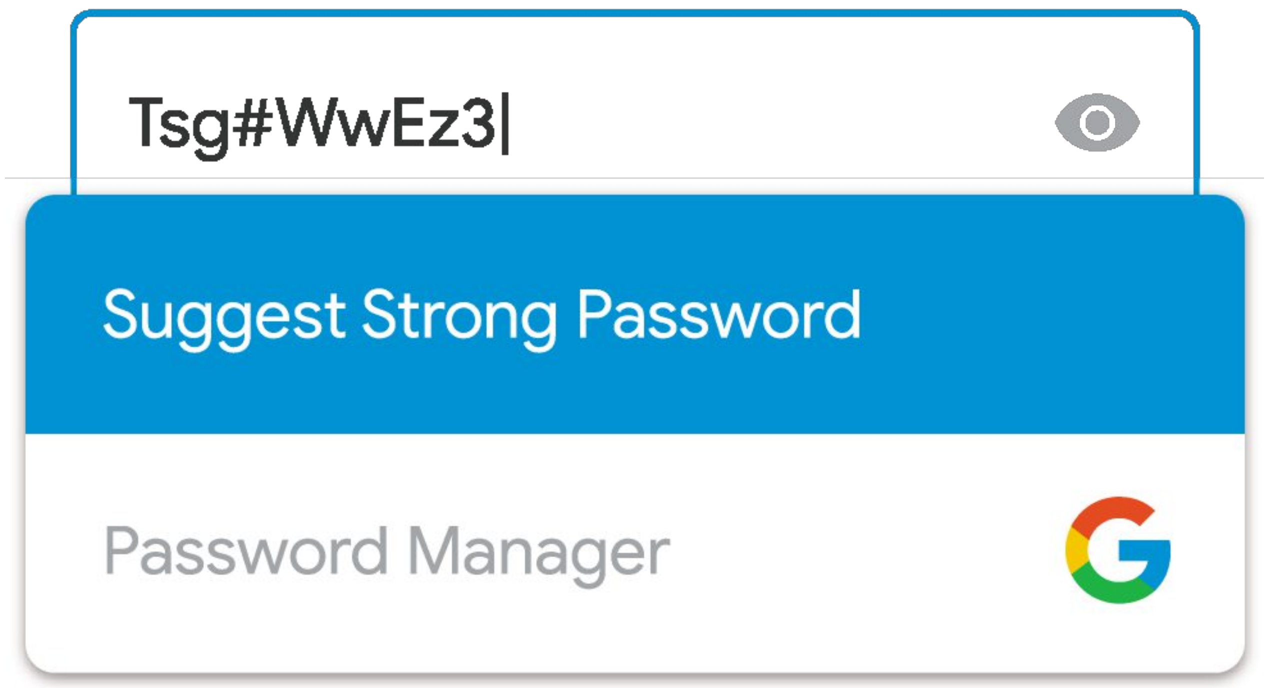
Nevertheless, this represents a monumental shift. The floor for minimum clean indoor air standards is being raised, beginning to correct a mistake from several decades ago that has had disastrous consequences. For public health advocates who have been pushing for this change for years, it's a moment to exhale.

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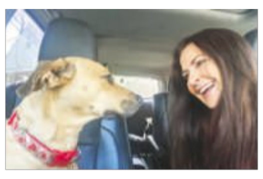
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Judge rules Damascus assault suit can proceed

Federal litigation stems from attacks by football players in locker room

BY DAN MORSE AND NICOLE ASBURY

What happened inside the locker room several years ago is well-known. Four junior varsity football players at Damascus High School in Maryland set upon their teammates, pinning three of them down and jabbing a broomstick handle into their buttocks.

But should school officials have known the attacks were likely? It's a question a federal jury will be allowed to weigh after a judge ruled that key claims in a lawsuit against the Montgomery County school system can move forward. The judge's decision this month is a boost to the victims and their families who have long asserted the attacks were preventable.

"Plaintiffs have put forward evidence that a reasonable jury could conclude that reckless or callous indifference occurred here," U.S. District Judge Peter Messitte said from the bench.

Attorneys for the families say that school officials knew of at least three earlier sexual assaults inside Montgomery County high school locker rooms, including an alleged 2017 incident among Damascus football players involving a broomstick that has emerged as perhaps the most critical and contentious part of the litigation. The families also say that school officials, partly motivated to protect the powerhouse football program, allowed a player to remain on the JV squad despite his history of violence and sexual harassment, and that they left the JV locker room unchecked for an hour every day between the end of classes and the start of practice.

Messitte did not set a trial date but indicated that if the sides

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D.C. Council's budget plan puts hold on K St. project

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER AND LUZ LAZO

After weeks debating changes to Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's proposed budget, the D.C. Council is poised to vote Tuesday on a spending plan that would expand bus operations, suspend a long-planned downtown transit project and create a new ride-hailing fee.

Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D) unveiled a budget Monday that shelves Bowser's proposed makeover of downtown's K Street corridor for at least a year. His plan would shift most of the $116 million earmarked for the project to other transit initiatives, such as overnight bus service and the restoration of D.C. Circulator routes that were slashed in Bowser's proposed budget.

Mendelson said his budget plan aims to address priorities lawmakers outlined earlier this month, modifying the $19.7 billion fiscal 2024 budget that Bowser (D) presented in March. The budget vote will follow

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Petula Dvorak

She is away. Her column will resume when she returns.



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Charlie Scarlett, center, president of the Brandywine Foundation, at Whitehall with his nephew Ty Swindell in March. The Annapolis mansion is poised to become a monument in the proposed Chesapeake National Recreation Area.

Owners of 'milestone' mansion want the nation to see Whitehall

Some lawmakers think product of enslaved labor could become a Chesapeake Bay attraction

BY FREDRICK KUNKLE

When Horatio Sharpe, the colonial governor of Maryland, started work on Whitehall in the 18th century, the story goes that he hoped the palatial villa on the Chesapeake Bay would win his beloved's heart. Alas, the young woman fell for Sharpe's friend and personal secretary instead.

But Whitehall's most recent owners now hope to woo the American people — and perhaps tap Uncle Sam for some help keeping it up.

Long overshadowed by grander and more accessible cousins such as Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Whitehall could become a main attraction in the proposed Chesapeake National Recreation Area, according to lawmakers and others pushing for the federal designation.

The Annapolis site would offer visitors a jumping-off point to explore the bay's paradoxical history as the birthplace of American democracy and slavery. The National Register of Historic Places lists it as "a major milestone in American architectural history," too, because of the scale and quality of a classical design that predated Monticello. Draft legislation would allow the National Park Service to acquire or partner with Whitehall and other designated sites on the bay.

The idea of transforming Whitehall into a national destination also has the blessing of a key individual: Charlie Scarlett, one of the last people to reside there.

Scarlett said he remembers family dinners on the grand portico overlooking the bay, learning to swim with a chunk of a two-by-four as a float, raising a red fox as a pet and living with a portrait of Edgar Allan Poe outside his bedroom.



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Scarlett oversees the family-run foundation that owns the property. He thinks it should become more accessible to all Americans — including the many descendants of enslaved people who lived and worked there — because of its historical significance.

"This is home for me," he said during a recent tour. "And I love everything about it."

His late father, Charles E. Scarlett, Jr., a Baltimore shipping executive with a love for history, bought Whitehall in 1946 and spent more than a decade restoring the structure to its original design, right down to hand-painted wallpaper imported from China. He lived at Whitehall with his wife until their deaths.

Charlie Scarlett, who oversees the family-run Brandywine Foundation that owns the property, is taking steps to open Whitehall to the public. Partly, his motivation is practical: He said the nonprofit organization struggles with the enormous cost of maintaining a nearly 260-year-old building.

But Scarlett, 70, a business executive who lives in St. Louis, said he also believes Whitehall should become more accessible to all Americans, including the many descendants of enslaved people who lived and worked there, because of its historical significance.

If Congress incorporates the bay into the national park system, Scarlett envisions Whitehall becoming a national attraction modeled on the nonprofit-owned Mount Vernon or managed by the National Park Service within a network of landmarks, such as those in San Francisco's Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Scarlett has even considered allowing Brandywine to sell his former home to the federal government. The foundation's most recent publicly available income tax form values the property at $7.8 million.

"You know, if you'd asked me 10 years ago, I would have said, 'Hell no.' But that was 10 years ago," Scarlett said. The manor's leaking roof — which has caused extensive water damage — alone costs nearly $1 million to repair, he said.

Janice Hayes-Williams, who lives in Severn and traces her family's heritage to Whitehall's enslaved Africans and enslavers, said the historic site would be an asset to the country in educating people about the enduring impact of slavery. She said her late father dreamed of the day when he and other descendants of its enslaved residents

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If Congress incorporates the bay into the national park system, Scarlett envisions Whitehall becoming an attraction modeled on the nonprofit-owned Mount Vernon or managed by the Park Service within a landmark network, such as those in San Francisco's Golden Gate National Recreation Area.



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Janice Hayes-Williams, left, and Bernadette Pulley-Pruitt trace their heritage to Whitehall's enslaved residents. When Hayes-Williams first visited, she wept.

Bowser unveils bill on crime

HIGHER PENALTIES FOR GUN OFFENSES

Measure also encourages more pretrial detention

BY EMILY DAVIES

D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) on Monday unveiled a new legislative proposal that would make it easier for judges to hold defendants awaiting trial and increase prison sentences for gun crimes and other offenses — a sweeping effort, in the mayor's words, to address "gaps" in District laws, announced a day before top officials are scheduled to be questioned by members of Congress on crime and public safety.

The proposal, which the D.C. Council must consider and pass if it is to become law, would increase penalties for illegal gun possession and crimes that target Metro and ride-share employees, among others. If passed, the proposal would also encourage more pretrial detention by giving judges more discretion in cases that involve adults with past violent convictions or youths charged with certain violent and gun offenses.

"We know we need to make some changes and that making the right changes requires us to be introspective, to evaluate, pivot and quickly redirect our resources where necessary," said Bowser, standing in the heart of a Northeast Washington neighborhood that has recently experienced a spate of break-ins.

But Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D), noting that he

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Amid a rise in D.C. crime, 2 girls hit by stray bullets

BY PETER HERMANN, OMARI DANIELS, EMILY DAVIES AND MARTIN WEIL

A 10-year-old girl riding in a vehicle with her parents and siblings was shot and critically wounded Sunday night in a barrage of gunfire in Northeast Washington, and a 12-year-old girl was grazed by a stray bullet as she slept in her bed in Southeast — prompting condemnations from city leaders under pressure to reduce violent crime in the District.

The indiscriminate shots that struck Arianna Davis in Mayfair, near Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens — and then another girl in a separate incident four miles away on Naylor Road in Randle Highlands — served as stark reminders of how gun violence is increasingly injuring young people in the District.

D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III called the shooting "unacceptable" and described the assailants involved in the Mother's Day attack that gravely injured Arianna as "cowards." Police said a least 50 bullets were fired from the street or sidewalk in that shooting, though they said it does not appear at this stage that anyone in the vehicle was targeted.

D.C. police, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are each offering rewards of $10,000 for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the shooting of Arianna.

Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) said both children "have a right to be safe in their homes." No arrests

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Whitehall's 'slaves are my family'

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might walk its halls.

"He would say, 'Baby, whatever you do, go in there because your ancestors built that,' " Hayes-Williams recalled. He never got the chance, but when Hayes-Williams visited during an open house about five years ago, she wept. "The slaves are my family members," she thought.

Unlike Jefferson and others whose homes have become national shrines, Sharpe was a British loyalist. He was born in Yorkshire to a large, prominent family whose connections likely played a role in his appointment as governor by Lord Baltimore, according to a 1937 article in the Maryland Historical Society's magazine.

Sharpe also had received a captain's commission in the Royal Marines, rising to lieutenant colonel with an infantry sent to the West Indies — an experience that made him a wise choice to run the colony on the eve of the French and Indian War. He was 35 when he sailed from England, accompanied by his private secretary, the Oxford-educated John Ridout, according to the 1912 book "A Colonial Governor In Maryland," by Lady Matilda Ridout Edgar.

Legend has it that Sharpe set about building Whitehall in late 1764 to impress Mary Ogle, the daughter of a previous governor, according to a 1951 article by Charles Scarlett Jr. She fell for the younger Ridout, who eventually married her.

Col. Sharpe, as he was known, hired the best architects to build Whitehall and oversaw its construction, using enslaved Africans and indentured European laborers, including a skilled woodcarver who died of tuberculosis before he could earn his freedom.

The building's design drew on the influential Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio, whose clean, simplified neoclassical Roman and Greek styles — distinguished by columns, domes and pediments — became popular in London in the mid-1700s, according to a 1974 report supporting Whitehall's inclusion in the National Register. The Palladian style also influenced Monticello, the James Semple House in Williamsburg and other colonial homes.

Whitehall was one of only two pre-revolutionary houses in the United States to display a "full temple portico," using massive Corinthian columns hewed from white cedar, the 1974 report says. (The other was Roger Morris's mansion on the Harlem River, built in 1765.) The spacious interior also was "extraordinarily rich" with skilled wood carvings, including satyr-like faces in each corner of the central salon to represent the four winds. From atop the great square hall, a phoenix looks down.

"And so evolved in our part of the world a Palladian dwelling which in all probability marked the beginning of the full classic revival in America," the elder Scarlett wrote. "Taken to heart and fostered by Thomas Jefferson, it was to become the foundation of our national architecture."

Lady Ridout's book describes Sharpe's 1,000-acre estate humming with activity, much of it performed by enslaved people, in well-tended gardens, orchards, a sawmill, a brickyard and a workshop that spun cotton, flax and wool.

In 1773, Sharpe sailed for England, expecting to return to Whitehall, though he never did. He entrusted his beloved villa to Ridout, sometimes sending back cuttings for its vineyards or often writing to check up on affairs there, Lady Ridout wrote. In one letter, Sharpe granted Ridout freedom to sell enslaved workers if economically necessary, directing that they go only to purchasers "you are well assured will treat them with Humanity."

Yet Hayes-Williams spent hours digging through state archives, including correspondence between Ridout and Sharpe discussing her ancestors in the same context as chattel.

"He's basically saying, 'Oh, the pigs are fine, the horses are fine, the slaves are fine,'" she recalled.

Upon Sharpe's death in 1790, Ridout inherited Whitehall, and his heirs held onto it until 1895. After that, the property changed hands several times, including an early-20th-century purchaser who considered offering it as a summer White House for the president.

By the time the Scarlett family bought Whitehall, the place was in disrepair.

In recent years, their family foundation has cobbled together a variety of business ventures, including using the now-115-acre site as a wedding venue. It hosts as many as 12 weddings a year for a rental fee of $19,000, part of which is shared with a wedding planner that handles the other arrangements. Other income comes from boarding horses ($500 a head per month) and renting out a small, 17th-century cottage ($500 a night on weekends). But it's nowhere near enough to cover capital expenses and needs, such as the roof repair.

To defray the cost, Sens. Chris Van Hollen and Ben Cardin, both Maryland Democrats, secured $500,000 in fiscal 2023 for Whitehall's restoration, as part of a $12.2 million package of local investments. The foundation also obtained a $100,000 preservation grant in 2021 from the Maryland Historical Trust, an agency within the state Department of Planning.

The Scarletts' foundation has applied for inclusion in the agency's Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network and explored a future partnership with the National Park Service to open Whitehall to the public.

Charlie Scarlett said possible options include creating a ferry service between Annapolis and Whitehall Creek west of the manor. Visitors probably would board at Burtis House, a former waterman's home that also is expected to be a focal point in the proposed national recreation area. (Others include Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse and Fort Monroe's North Beach in Virginia, where ships delivered enslaved Africans in 1619, as pivotal attractions anchoring the new park.)

"I think what makes it interesting from a historian's perspective is, it's a place where you can get a close connection to the loyalist story," said Mary-Angela E. Hardwick, vice president of education and interpretation for Historic Annapolis, a nonprofit organization that operates a museum and colonial houses.

Wendy O'Sullivan, superintendent for the National Park Service's Chesapeake office, said the Brandywine Foundation has sought recognition as a Gateway site but so far has not qualified because the site is not fully open to the public. She said the Park Service has been consulting with the foundation on how that could happen.

In the meantime, Scarlett said his family tries to accommodate requests for visits on an informal basis, as well as archaeological research, while planning for a future that could allow many more Americans to experience his former home.

"It's a treasure," he said.



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TOP: Whitehall, in Annapolis, was one of only two pre-revolutionary houses in the United States to display a "full temple portico," using massive Corinthian columns hewed from white cedar.

CENTER: Charlie Scarlett and his nephew Ty Swindell examine one of Whitehall's nooks in March.

BOTTOM: Janice Hayes-Williams, right, and Bernadette Pulley-Pruitt, who researched Whitehall's enslaved descendants, look over copies of historical documents and photographs in Severn in February.

Two girls hit by stray bullets as crime continues to rise throughout the District

GUNFIRE FROM B1

have been made in either case. The only description police released was for a vehicle seen on Hayes Street in connection with Arianna's shooting — a small black or dark-colored SUV. Efforts to interview Arianna's mother and other relatives, and the family of the girl wounded while sleeping, were not immediately successful.

The violence comes after Bowser convened a public safety summit, where city leaders discussed ways to combat crime, and the mayor announced she would propose legislation to make it easier to detain certain arrestees before trial. On Monday, the mayor offered more details about that proposal, which includes stiffer penalties for illegal gun possession and suggested ways to make it easier for judges to hold defendants before trial if they have previous convictions for violent crimes.

On Tuesday, Bowser, Contee and other leaders are expected to testify at a congressional hearing focusing on violent crime in the District and city management.

Homicides in the District are up 7 percent over last year; on Monday afternoon, a man was shot and killed in on Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue in Southwest. Carjackings and armed robberies remain a concern. As of May 11, D.C. police said that 43 juveniles had been shot, double the same time last year. Five of them have died. Statistics show that 105 juveniles were shot in all of 2022, 16 of them fatally, nearly double the number from the previous year. Violent crime is up 13 percent this year.



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VICTIM: Arianna Davis

LOCATION: 3700 block of Hayes Street, NE

DATE: Sunday, May 14, 2023

TIME: 9:14 PM

CONTACT:

Detective Gabriel Truby	(202) 270-1202	cell
Detective Michael Fulton	(202) 497-3470	cell
Homicide Branch	(202) 645-9600	main

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, at approximately 9:14 PM, Ms. Arianna Davis was the victim of an Assault with Intent to Kill (Shooting) in the 3700 block of Hayes Street, NE. The Metropolitan Police Department seeks the public's assistance in gathering information regarding this incident.

HOW TO HELP OUR INVESTIGATION

This case is being investigated by the Department's Homicide Branch. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the detective(s) listed above or the Command Information Center (CIC) at (202) 727-9099. Anonymous information

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Last year, Bowser declared youth violence an emergency.

Contee, who has announced his plans to retire by early June, said on Monday the mayor's proposals will help hold offenders accountable.

"It is unacceptable to me that a 10-year-old little girl is riding with her mom, dad and two siblings last night got caught in a middle of a barrage of gunfire, on Mother's Day, and is now in the hospital fighting for her life," the chief said. He noted it is equally "unacceptable that a bullet from someone firing shots outside goes through a window at 4 o'clock in the morning of a 12-year-old sleeping in her bed and strikes her in the leg."

Arianna was shot about 9:15 p.m. in the 3700 block of Hayes Street NE, a road that, together with Jay Street, forms a hook-like loop around the Paradise at Parkside apartments. Police had no description of a possible shooter, and said only they were looking for the black or dark-colored SUV.

After the girl's parents recognized that she had been hit, they drove her to a firehouse at the edge of Capitol Hill in the 1500 block of C Street SE, police said. The distance is about three miles. From the firehouse, where she arrived about 9:20 p.m., she was taken to a hospital for treatment, authorities said. Police said she had been struck in the upper body.

Contee said the motive for the shooting remains unknown. Court records in a separate, recent case describe an ongoing feud involving shootings between people in the Mayfair neighborhood and those in the nearby Kenilworth area, but Contee said "we just don't know at this point in the investigation."

Gloria Robinson said she was watching television when she heard several gunshots between 8:30 and 9 p.m., and immediately hit the ground.

"You hear gunshots all the time and you don't know whether anyone got hurt or not," said Robinson, 78, who has lived on Hayes Street for seven years. "This is an everyday thing. It sounded like machine guns."

Robinson, who lives with her three grandchildren, said two of her nephews were killed nine months apart on Quarles Street NE. She said she worries when her 7-year-old grandson wants to ride his bike down the street.

"It's bad when you've got young babies getting caught up in this," Robinson said. "I fear for them. You can't even let your kids ride up and down the street."

Robinson said she does not believe crime is a high priority for Bowser. "She's not doing anything," Robinson said. "I don't know if anyone can do anything about this war over here. She doesn't do anything for people over here. It's just pitiful."

The mayor said she "completely understands" the frustrations of residents who hear gunshots and know children who have been shot. "We are going to do everything within our resources to stop it," Bowser said.

On Monday morning, police were rerouting drivers away from Hayes Street and still had crime-scene tape in place. Broken glass could be seen on the ground, along with a bullet hole in a parked truck. Parents were walking children to school.

Andre Wright, an assistant D.C. police chief, told reporters at the scene Sunday night that investigators from many police units and specialties swarmed into the neighborhood in what he called an "all hands on deck" response.

"We have to get to the bottom of" the shooting, Wright said, asking that the "community keep the family in its prayers." He added, "This is Mother's Day, and they were doing what we all were doing today ... we should be talking about Mother's Day, not talking about a tragic event of a 10-year-old being shot."

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Rock on: Free tickets to The Revivalists on July 8 at Merriweather Post Pavilion

The eight-piece rock band fronted by David Shaw will drop album *Pour It Out Into The Night* on June 2. On it: 12 songs that are "expected to be brimming with life-after-lockdown sentiments of living in the moment and appreciating the here and now" (americansongwriter.com). "Mirroring the push-and-pull of the past few years, the boys...deliver a bevy of anthems marked by moments of sonic complexity, celebration, and catharsis" (therevivalists.com). "The Revivalists make the kind of rock 'n' roll that grabs you and doesn't let go" (blackwaxcafe.com). Also performing: indie-folk band The Head and the Heart and country music star Jaime Wyatt.

See details at washingtonpost.com/my-post.

After her purse is stolen, novelist becomes a real detective



John Kelly's Washington

Sarah Pekkanen is a best-selling novelist who writes the sort of thrillers where a female protagonist thinks she has a pretty good life, then discovers that there's something *not quite right* about her loving husband or the new neighbor.

So if Sarah wrote about what happened to her in September of 2021, the scene would probably start cheerily, but with a vague sense of dread. In her case — spoiler alert! — what began as a literal walk in the park ended with her chasing down the man who allegedly took her purse.

"It was a beautiful day," Sarah, 55, told me. (*Uh-oh.*) "My boyfriend and I decided to go for a picnic." (*No!*)

Sarah needed a break from the research she'd been doing for her new book. So on that sunny Sunday afternoon, she and her boyfriend, **Roger**, packed some sandwiches and traveled in her Toyota Highlander to a park in Friendship Heights with her rescue dog, **Lila**.

"It was such a busy day, cars all over," said the Chevy Chase, Md., writer. "I grabbed my cellphone and put it in my pocket and tucked my purse underneath the front seat."

You know where this is going: When Sarah, Roger and Lila returned after their picnic, glass glittered from the pavement and the passenger seat.

"I knew my bag was gone," Sarah said. "And the first thing I thought was: I can't believe I left my bag in the car. My favorite earrings were in there!"

Before she could even cancel her credit cards, the credit card companies began contacting her. Someone was trying to use her Visa card at a Sunoco station. Was it legit? Sarah told them it wasn't, and the transaction was voided. A charge for $113.34 did go through on American Express.

As a writer of thrillers, Sarah said she's "always thinking about a little clue that doesn't seem important at first, but when readers finish the book, they look back and say, 'Oh, that was the giveaway.'"

A Sunoco station. That was so specific. Sarah remembered that petty thieves often toss the pilfered purse or wallet under a bush or in the trash after extracting the cash and credit cards. Maybe she could at least get her earrings back.

She called the Visa fraud department. It couldn't tell her exactly which Sunoco it was, only that it was in Takoma Park. Sarah and Roger brushed the glass off the seat and headed in that direction.

There were several Sunocos. They started with the nearest one. The trash cans outside didn't contain Sarah's purse, so she went inside the minimart to check.

"That's when I had that blinding flash," she said. "I just wrote a scene like this."



SARAH PEKKANEN

Novelist Sarah Pekkanen with her dog, Lila. In 2021, after someone broke into her Toyota Highlander at a Friendship Heights park and took her purse, she tracked down the alleged thief.

The heroine in Sarah's upcoming novel — "Gone Tonight," her 13th — is trying to remain incognito. The character worries that she may be spotted by a gas station security camera. The realization prompted Sarah to tell the Sunoco clerk about the smash and grab and ask if that particular Sunoco had a camera.

It did. Sarah realized that she could match the time of the transaction with the security footage — and that the clerk was a witness. The clerk told her that a man and a woman had come in earlier and bought $113.34 worth of stuff.

"I remember my pulse was quickening, like you're reading a book and the action's happening," she said.

Sarah told Roger and called the Montgomery County police, who promised to send an officer. Then she went back to check the women's room in the station. Maybe her purse was there. It wasn't.

"I step out of the bathroom and the cashier is staring at me," she said. "His eyes are huge. There are two customers in front of him and there's something electric in his energy."

The couple who had used Sarah's credit card was back.

Sarah left the minimart and told Roger. She wanted to play it cool, but Roger followed the couple as they left the station, holding up his phone and recording them — and recording the car they got into and sped off in.

"The suspects got away temporarily, but not for long," Sarah said.

The man was later captured. Police say they found evidence linking him to multiple vehicle thefts. A trial is set for next month.

Sarah said her writing career came in handy.

"I wouldn't have known how to look for the little tiny clues," she said.

Of course, there's a difference between her thrillers and her smash-and-grab experience.

"My characters usually end up fighting for their lives at the end of my books," she said. "I'm often researching things that are a little strange. My kids will be like, 'Mom, stop talking about how long it takes to bleed out. We have friends over. Other moms don't do that.'"

Sarah never did get her earrings back.

Council pitches bus expansion, ride-hailing charge in budget plan

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weeks of clashes between the council and mayor over differing spending priorities, including their vision for public transit and its role in revitalizing downtown during the fourth year of the pandemic.

Among other changes, Mendelson wants to restore $35 million to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which Bowser had proposed slashing by 81 percent. His proposal also adds about $40 million over several years for permanent housing vouchers; $15 million for charter schoolteacher pay; and offers nearly $30 million toward programs for legal aid and victims' services, which Bowser had proposed reducing, citing expiring federal pandemic relief.

Mendelson said he found the additional money from a range of sources, including the K Street Transitway proposal.

"What we got from the mayor was a very tight budget," Mendelson said. "I'm pretty excited how we were able to fix a lot of the concerns that members had, given what we were given in March."

Council member Zachary Parker (D-Ward 5) said he would introduce an amendment to put more money toward programs for food assistance and housing, as well as a new child tax credit, by delaying a planned sunset of a 2019 tax increase the city imposed on commercial land deals worth at least $2 million. Office-to-residential conversions would be exempted from the tax. Mendelson has said he is against the proposal.

The council is scheduled to take its first budget vote Tuesday, but lawmakers can propose changes ahead of a second vote at the end of the month.

The mayor has criticized council members for proposing to defund the K Street project and seeking a surcharge on ride-hailing trips, saying those proposals would hamper such efforts. Bowser's office did not respond to requests for comment. Mendelson said the council's budget targets more immediate investments to bring people back to the city's core, including through expanding transit operations, retail grants and cultural events.

"We're trying to bring back downtown," Mendelson said. "You tear up K Street for a couple of years and that actually has the opposite effect."

Here are key measures the council is considering ahead of Tuesday's vote that would determine how residents and visitors traverse the city.

• **Postponing K Street Transitway:** The council's plan would postpone construction of the K Street Transitway, one of Bowser's most prized transportation projects, which was expected to go out to bid this year. The $123 million project would remake downtown's busiest corridor between 12th and 21st streets NW with the addition of dedicated bus lanes.

The plan had significant support from Metro, elected officials, business leaders and residents but came under fire this spring when the city removed bike lanes. Metro has maintained its support, saying the transit way is key to making improvements in its bus network.

Metro spokeswoman Sherri Ly said the transit agency is "disappointed" in the council's decision, which she said is "critical" to the agency's redesign of its bus network, expected to take effect this year. "We will need to reassess our service across and through the downtown corridor," she said in an email.

The council's budget would keep $8 million to "refresh" the design of the transit way, up from the $1 million that council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6), who chairs the Transportation Committee, had suggested leaving in to revamp the plan. But it also would take $108 million from the project to fund other priorities. Mendelson said at a news conference Monday that the transit way was "poorly designed." If the city develops a redesign that "everybody likes," he said the council would support funding it next year.

The proposed redesign of the mile-long corridor would add bus lanes — one in each direction — to the center of K Street, eliminate decades-old service roads and include improvements to crosswalks and landscaping. The District Department of Transportation said it removed the bike lanes as part of a compromise, citing pressure from businesses to include more space for parking, drop-offs and pickups, and deliveries.

More than a dozen environmental and pro-cycling groups on Monday praised the council's plan to send the transit way proposal back to planning, saying the move will ensure the project prioritizes transit, pedestrians and bikes.

The Transportation Committee originally recommended shifting the transit way money to a council-backed program that would make Metrobus free in the city, a proposal Bowser opposes. The fare-free program is being delayed at least a year at Metro's request.

Mendelson said he hasn't been swayed by efforts in recent days from supporters of the K Street plan to fund it this year, adding: "Pretty much everyone says privately they don't like the design."

• **New overnight Metrobus service:** Mendelson's budget proposal would fund overnight service on some of the busiest Metrobus routes across the city, a significant expansion of bus operations at a cost of about $46.2 million over four years.

The plan calls for 24-hour service on 13 routes beginning in January. The routes would serve corridors with a high concentration of businesses, such as bars and restaurants, with late operating hours and would provide an estimated 44,000 trips in the first year, according to council projections. Among the routes are the H4, S2, X2, 33, 80 and 70.

Cost estimates provided by Metro include expenses for advertising and signage changes along the routes, as well as "some additional Metro police to ensure there's adequate security for overnight service," Mendelson said. Ly said the council's plan aligns with Metro's bus priorities and the transit system's board looks forward to working with the city.

• **Restoring D.C. Circulator routes:** The plan would send $16.2 million in one-time funding to the Department of Transportation to keep service on three D.C. Circulator routes that Bowser had put on the chopping block. The routes are Eastern Market-L'Enfant Plaza, Dupont Circle-Georgetown-Rosslyn and Woodley Park-Adams Morgan-McPherson Square.

Bowser's spending plan for the fiscal year that begins in October would have downsized the city's transit operations — which are funded separately from Metro — by cutting three of six Circulator routes. The service reduction drew backlash from the council and residents, who criticized Bowser and highlighted that her administration months earlier planned to add a route to Ward 7.

Supporters of keeping the routes say the move will save jobs and serve as a critical transit option to communities that have come to rely on the service.

• **'Digital Dispatch' surcharge:** A 25-cent "digital dispatch fee" on ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft would generate about $8.5 million a year and help to pay for various expenses, Mendelson said. The surcharge would replace a proposal to add a $2 congestion fee on downtown trips, which had drawn criticism from the mayor and business leaders who said it would harm efforts to bring people back to the central business district.

The new plan calls for a 25-cent fee for rides in a gas-powered vehicle, a 15-cent fee for hybrids and a 10-cent fee for electric vehicles, which would apply to trips citywide and at any time of day starting Oct. 1. Mendelson said 98 percent of rideshare vehicles coming into the city have gas-powered engines.

The $2 ride-hailing surcharge, proposed by council member Brianne K. Nadeau (D-Ward 1), had divided the council. It was intended to reduce congestion and generate millions of dollars with a fee on rides into downtown from 7 a.m. to noon and those leaving downtown from noon to 7 p.m.

In a company statement, Uber praised Mendelson's decision to reconsider the charge, saying the "newest proposal focuses on the importance of increasing the number of energy efficient vehicles on the road." Funds from the new fee will help to pay for the overnight Metrobus service.

"I don't think 25 cents is something that is going to make people choke," Mendelson said.

MARYLAND

Police rescue woman who says she was abducted

BY PETER HERMANN

A woman who told authorities she was kidnapped Friday morning at a convenience store in Southeast Washington and kept naked for hours in the cab of a U-Haul truck was rescued later that night after a police pursuit in Maryland, according to Maryland State Police.

Police said in a statement that troopers arrested Dennis Bell, 62, of Lanham, in Prince George's County, and charged him with more than a dozen criminal offenses, including assault, kidnapping, false imprisonment, a sex offense, possession of suspected crack cocaine and driving while impaired.

Authorities said Bell, who police said also faces 19 traffic-related charges, was being detained in jail in Prince George's County. Electronic court records did not show Bell's case on Saturday, and it could not be determined if has an attorney.

Police said the victim, who was not identified, was taken to a hospital for medical treatment. Police allege that Bell stabbed the woman in the fingers with a pocket knife.

The incident began Friday morning at a convenience store on Minnesota Avenue in Southeast Washington. Police said the woman told them Bell pushed her into the U-Haul and "threatened her life if she did not comply with his demands."

Police said Bell drove the truck all day with the woman sitting on the floor at the front seat. The woman told police Bell removed her clothing. She told police she did not know where she was throughout the ordeal.

About 9:45 p.m., state police said motorists reported a U-Haul truck driving erratically and striking parked vehicles near Princess Garden Parkway in Lanham. State police said troopers located the truck on Route 450 and began a pursuit when the driver refused to stop. Police said the chase ended at Baltimore Avenue and Elm Street when the U-Haul got stuck in a ditch.

Police said Bell refused to get out of the vehicle and troopers got in through a passenger side window, found the victim and arrested Bell.

THE DISTRICT

Teen is sentenced in shooting of Commanders running back

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER

17-year-old will be held until age 21 by city's youth detention services

The 17-year-old charged in the attempted robbery and shooting of Washington Commanders running back Brian Robinson Jr. in August was ordered detained with the city's youth detention services until he turns 21, the maximum sentence permitted for youths under D.C. law.

The teen sat next to his attorney in D.C. Superior Court on Monday as prosecutors laid out two charges in addition to the robbery. After his arrest following the robbery, a judge ordered the teen committed to the District's Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, or DYRS. After several months, the teen was then allowed to live with his father while wearing a GPS ankle monitor and adhering to a curfew.

But in February, prosecutors said, the teen cut the monitor from his ankle and left his father's home. His whereabouts were unknown until police rearrested him late last month. At the time, police said he was carrying a bottle of promethazine, a narcotic used for an illegal drink known as lean. The teen was charged with absconding and simple possession, and was sentenced in all three cases Monday.

The Washington Post generally does not name those charged with crimes as juveniles and was allowed to attend the hearing on the condition that the youth's identity not be revealed.

In January, the teen pleaded guilty to assault with a dangerous weapon and carrying a pistol without a license in the attempted robbery and shooting of Robinson. As part of that plea deal, prosecutors agreed to ask that the teen be placed in the custody of the city's youth services until he turns 20.

Police have said that the 17-year-old and a younger teen tried to rob Robinson as he was leaving a store on H Street NE just before 6 p.m. Aug. 28. Authorities said the teens tried to steal the National Football League player's wallet and the keys to his Dodge sports car.

According to prosecutors, Robinson ran away and the 17-year-old began to chase him and knocked Robinson to the ground. Robinson then grabbed the teen and wrestled the gun out of the youth's hands, authorities said. At that point, the other teen fired his weapon, striking Robinson twice.

The bullets missed major ligaments and bone, and the running back played this past season. The younger teen also pleaded guilty in the incident and was ordered to remain in youth services custody until he turns 21.

Robinson was not present at the sentencing, nor did he submit a victim impact statement.

D.C. prosecutor Arynn Graham called the 17-year-old "a danger to the community" and said his "behavior could have ended a life and cut short a star athlete's career."

The youth was supposed to have been sentenced last month but was missing until his rearrest.

The 17-year-old declined to comment at his sentencing. His attorney, Brian W. Brown, asked that his client be placed in a psychiatric facility for the majority of his detainment.

In his sentencing, Judge Robert A. Salerno went outside the plea agreement with prosecutors and ordered the teen committed until age 21. Graham told the judge that prosecutors within the D.C. attorney general's office felt compelled to adhere to the original plea deal and would not seek additional punishment for the two new charges.

But Salerno said he felt no such obligation and ordered the teen placed in restricted youth confinement where he would also undergo psychological treatment and counseling.

Salerno said he was ordering the teen detained to allow him "time to reflect on your conduct. So, when you finish your commitment, you can become successful and law-abiding."

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Judge: Suit over Damascus High assaults can go to trial

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could not reach a settlement, the case could go before jurors for three weeks in February at the federal courthouse in Greenbelt. Potential damages could top $1 million, according to attorneys in the case.

Messitte didn't say if the victims' claims were true; rather, he said they put forth reasonable evidence that they could be.

"It was well established that school officials owed a special duty of care to their students with regard to the safety and security of their students," Messitte said. "There is evidence that defendants were fairly on notice, that they were indifferent to the possibility of locker-room assault, among other conduct, and that it could result in constitutional violations."

Lawyers for the school system and school officials have argued that the victims' attorneys exaggerated specific allegations and incorrectly applied them to state and federal laws.

A spokeswoman for the county's school system and Board of Education declined to comment specifically on Messitte's opinions. But she took issue with the ruling as a whole and indicated they might appeal. "The board disagrees with the decision and is evaluating all options," said the spokeswoman, Jessica Baxter.

The attacks occurred on Oct. 31, 2018, at the last practice of the season. At the time, the varsity squad had a 51-game winning streak and the JV team was a force in its own right.

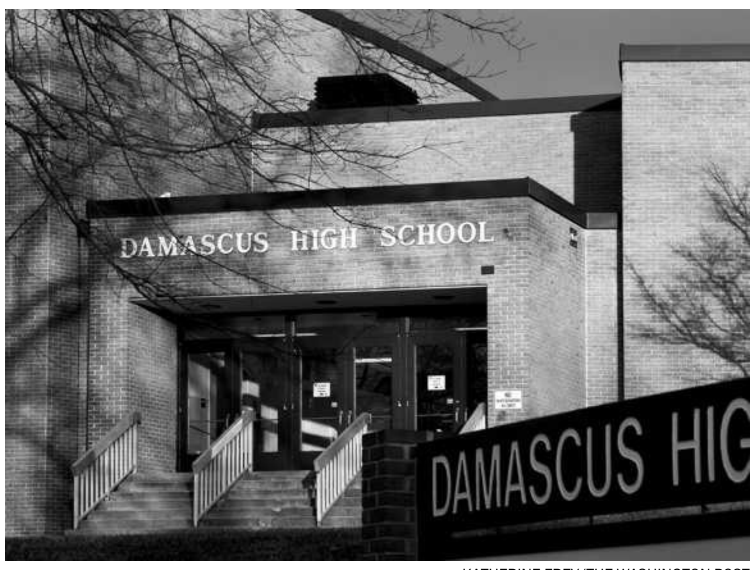
A Montgomery County grand jury indicted four JV players on counts of rape and attempted rape, under Maryland laws covering a range of nonconsensual acts involving the use of an object. The cases were moved to juvenile court, where at least two of the teens pleaded to reduced counts of second-degree rape and attempted second-degree rape, according to three people familiar with the outcome of the juvenile court hearings, which were closed to the public.

In subsequent lawsuits filed in 2020, the victims' attorneys zeroed in on the now-contentious 2017 incident, a year before their clients were attacked. According to court hearings and school records obtained by The Washington Post, a parent of a different Damascus student came to the school that year and told then-Principal Casey Crouse an unnamed JV football player had been "sodomized through his uniform with a broom stick" in the locker room.

Crouse reported the meeting to her supervisor and to Jeffrey Sullivan, the head of countywide athletics for the school system, and she called the Montgomery County Police Department's juvenile sex assault division, according to school records and court hearings. But without the name of a victim, a police detective told Crouse that investigators wouldn't go on a "witch hunt," according to court hearings.

Crouse also asked a police officer assigned to her school to look into the matter, and he ended up speaking with the purported victim, who denied anything happened, according to school system attorneys.

In their defense of the lawsuit allegations, attorneys for the school system said Crouse never learned the name of the victim. For that and other reasons, the attorneys said, the system could not be held liable for damages under Title IX, which is a federal education law that in part is designed to protect students against



KATHERINE FREY/THE WASHINGTON POST

In 2018, four athletes at Damascus High in Maryland pinned down teammates and jabbed a broomstick into their buttocks.

sexual harassment.

The families' attorneys have pushed back on the argument, asserting that Crouse overlooked that a scared teenager would be reluctant to report the matter and that the principal never really wanted to find out what happened.

"They did nothing," Timothy Maloney, an attorney for one of families, said in court.

After the 2018 case surfaced, according to court records, the alleged victim of the 2017 incident told police and his attorneys that he in fact was attacked by teammates with a broomstick in the locker room.

In his ruling, Messitte summed up evidence over the incident brought forward by the families' attorneys:

"By November 2017, Crouse and other officials at the school had been informed of [the] assault, and that their failure to ask for names of the victim and perpetrator, to investigate further, or take other action amounted to deliberate indifference," the judge said.

In addition to suing Crouse and the school system, the families also named as defendants Sullivan, the countywide athletic director; Joseph Doody, the former Damascus High athletic director; Eric Wallich, the former varsity football coach at Damascus; and Vincent Colbert; the former JV football coach at Damascus. Doody, Wallich and Colbert left their posts after the 2018 assaults.

Baxter, the school system spokeswoman, declined to comment on behalf of Sullivan, Wallich and Crouse. Sullivan remains in his position and Wallich and Crouse are still with the school system in different positions, according to the school system. Colbert could not be reached for comment. Kevin Karpinski, an attorney for Doody, also could not be reached.

Messitte's opinion and order this month was prompted by challenges filed by the school system and individual defendants. Such requests at this stage of federal litigation, Messitte noted, should be evaluated "in the light most favorable" to the responding party. That weighed in favor of the families.

The families also asserted that all five school officials were liable under Maryland's gross negligence laws by acting in "wanton or reckless disregard" for the victims' rights and lives. And on these claims — and whether they should be tried — the families had precedent going for them. "Generally, in Maryland," Messitte said, "gross negligence goes to the jury so long as reasonable minds could disagree."

Only one of the defendants challenged the gross negligence claim as it related to all of the victims: Doody. Messitte denied that effort, citing among other reasons the families' claims that he failed to supervise whether coaches had taken anti-hazing training and if they were properly monitoring the locker room.

The families singled out a JV football player — indicted in the 2018 attacks — who they say had an extensive record of sexual harassment and yet was allowed to keep playing football. Their attorneys cited an email that Wallich, the varsity coach, sent to the player's teachers just 20 days before the attacks.

"I get an email or a phone call almost daily about his behavior in class, bullying, etc.," the email stated, according to court hearings. "I have spoken to him and made it clear that he could be suspended indefinitely from the football team. . . . It's a shame, because this kid needs football."

"He can't control himself," the email also stated.

"He was let loose in the locker room," Maloney, an attorney for one of the families, said in court last month, "and we see what happened."

School officials have argued that, even by the plaintiffs' own allegations, it was clear the school system tried to intervene in the student's behavior over the years — calling his mother more than 100 times, for example. He was so new to Damascus High School, they added, that the school didn't necessarily have time to ramp up responses to his behavior.

As for supervision, the families argued that school officials not only allowed the JV locker room to go unchecked before practice, but they also got rid of a study hall that had previously kept the JV players occupied even as they were ignoring complaints from teachers and school staff members about the players being unruly during that time.

Messitte sided with the defendants on some points, but they had largely been conceded by the families. He ruled that the families were not eligible for punitive damages under the Title IX claims, though he did say they were eligible for emotional distress damages.

Lawyers Tom DeGonia and Jerry Hyatt, who represent one of the 2018 victims, said they were pleased with Messitte's rulings. "The court recognized the evidence," the two said, "which revealed that the sexual assaults could have been prevented by the defendants with minimal effort."

Attorney Malcolm Ruff, who represents families from both the 2018 and 2017 incidents, said school officials violated the trust the families had placed in them. "Our clients," he said, "look forward to laying all of these facts out to a jury at trial."

OBITUARIES

THOMAS F. HORNBEIN, 92

Anesthesiologist blazed new trail up Everest's West Ridge

BY HARRISON SMITH

Thomas F. Hornbein, a mountaineer and anesthesiologist who climbed into history, step by icy step, when he and his friend Willi Unsoeld scaled Mount Everest in 1963 — pioneering a route up the treacherous West Ridge before surviving a night at 28,000 feet without sleeping bags or a tent — died May 6 at his home in Estes Park, Col.

Dr. Hornbein, who continued to do roped climbs into his mid-80s, was 92 and had leukemia, his family said.

To many mountaineers, Dr. Hornbein and Unsoeld's assault on the West Ridge was one of the great feats of Himalayan climbing, a remarkable technical achievement and a triumph of daring and endurance.

The climbers had reached the summit by climbing a few thousand feet of previously uncharted ground, continuing upward knowing that because of the steep terrain — and their own limited gear — they would be unable to turn back. The only way off the mountain, they figured, was over the top and down the other side.

At the time, their ascent was overshadowed by news coverage of Jim Whittaker, a fellow member of the 1963 American Mount Everest Expedition, who had planted the American flag on the summit on May 1 while becoming the country's first climber to ascend the world's tallest mountain. Whittaker had taken the South Col, following a route that New Zealand mountaineer Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa climbing partner, Tenzing Norgay, had forged a decade earlier while becoming the first to scale the peak.

Dr. Hornbein and Unsoeld completed their own climb on May 22, three weeks after Whittaker, becoming the first to reach the summit from the West Ridge. By going up one side of the mountain and coming down another, they were believed to be the first to traverse not just Everest, but any of the world's 8,000-meter peaks.

Their ascent "ushered in the modern era of mountaineering," the American Alpine Club said in a tribute on May 8, "and set the standard for future generations. ... This audacious feat has perhaps yet to find an equal in the annals of Himalayan climbing."

Dr. Hornbein returned home to chronicle his ascent in a book, "Everest: The West Ridge" (1965), which was hailed as a classic by climbers and writers including his friend Jon Krakauer.



JIM AIKMAN

Tom Hornbein on March 2 in front of a photo of Mount Everest that shows the Hornbein Couloir, which was named for him after he and his climbing partner scaled the mountain's West Ridge in 1963.

"Not only did Hornbein play a crucial role in one of the most extraordinary accomplishments in the history of mountaineering," Krakauer wrote in the foreword to the book's 50th anniversary edition, "his account of the feat is one of the finest things ever written about this peculiar, hazardous, and uncommonly engaging pursuit."

Yet Dr. Hornbein also sought to put Everest behind him. He never returned to the mountain, likening the summit to "an albatross" that was "hung around your neck forever." Instead he turned his attention to medicine, chairing the anesthesiology department at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle and conducting research on high-altitude breathing and physiology.

That work married medicine and mountaineering, although he said he spent years trying to separate the two, fearing that he would be tagged as little more than "the doc who climbed Everest."

By his late 60s, he had changed his mind, writing in an updated edition to his Everest book that he now understood "that mountains and medicine are warp and weft of the same cloth," with both pursuits underpinned by elements of risk and uncertainty.

In part, it was his appetite for risk that prompted Dr. Hornbein to join the American Everest expedition at age 32, after serving as a Navy doctor in San Diego.

He had fallen in love with climbing as a boy, scampering up poles, trees and then mountains at a summer camp in Colorado, and had previously climbed with an expedition to Masherbrum, a peak in Pakistan where his team's struggles with bottled oxygen had led him to develop a new single-valve oxygen mask, which he and his colleagues used on Everest.

His background in medicine, coupled with an outspokenness about his preferred climbing routes and techniques, made him an unusual presence on the 20-member team. "Hornbein came across as both nerdy and supremely confident," journalist Grayson Schaffer wrote in a 2013 article for Outside magazine, "the type to disconnect his oxygen at 27,000 feet while writing a letter home to examine hypoxia's effect on his handwriting."

At the start of the expedition, team leader Norman Dyhrenfurth advocated for an ascent up the South Col, believing that it was the best way to get an American on the summit. Dr. Hornbein questioned that approach, as did team members such as Unsoeld, a 36-year-old Peace Corps official and fellow veteran of the Masherbrum expedition.

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American Alpine Club, in a May 8 tribute to Dr. Hornbein

"We wanted more uncertainty in our diet," Dr. Hornbein recalled in an interview with Climbing magazine. "If getting to the summit was the only goal, then you would choose the route most likely to get you there, which the team also achieved. But there was a subset of us who had a dream to pursue the West Ridge — we wanted an adventure where the outcome was truly in doubt."

A compromise was struck, with the West Ridge climbers getting the go-ahead only after Whittaker reached the summit.

Dr. Hornbein and Unsoeld headed up the mountain, making it about 2,000 feet from the top before pitching their tent alongside a steep gully, later named the Hornbein Couloir. ("They should have called it 'Hornbein's avalanche trap,'" he joked.) The next morning, they rose early to make their final ascent, with a plan to meet at the summit with two colleagues, Lute Jerstad and Barry Bishop, who were taking the South Col route.

Dr. Hornbein and Unsoeld were delayed when it turned out they needed to scale a 60-foot wall of crumbling limestone. They reached the peak about 6:15 p.m. and by the time they linked up with Jerstad and Bishop, it was after dark. Unable to find their way back to camp, they were forced to bivouac for the night, huddling under their parkas in subzero temperatures at an altitude known as "the death zone," where an extended stay can prove lethal.

"The night was overpoweringly empty. ... Mostly there was nothing," Dr. Hornbein wrote in his book. "We hung suspended in a timeless void. ... Intense cold penetrated, carrying with it the realization that each of us was completely alone. Nothing Willi could do for me or I for him. No team now, just each of us, imprisoned with his own discomfort, his own thoughts, his own will to survive. ... Nothing to plan, nothing to push for, nothing to do but shiver and wait for the sun to rise."

When it did, they continued down the slope, warming up while sipping morning tea at an outpost called Camp 6. Unsoeld lost nine toes to frostbite while Bishop lost all 10, along with parts of two fingers.

Dr. Hornbein suffered no lasting injuries. He was the last surviving member of what he described as "the little quartet who shivered the night out on Everest": Unsoeld died in an avalanche while climbing Mount Rainier in 1979, Bishop died in a car crash in 1994, and Jerstad died after a heart attack while trekking up Kala Patthar, a relatively small summit in the Himalayas, in 1998.

Only five expeditions have scaled the Hornbein Couloir since Dr. Hornbein and Unsoeld inaugurated the route 60 years ago this month.

"In looking back," he told the New York Times last year, "while clearly we were committed and determined, we were also lucky as hell."

Geology and medicine

The second of three children, Thomas Frederic Hornbein was born in St. Louis on Nov. 6, 1930. His mother was a homemaker, and his father was an advertising executive at Famous-Barr department stores.

Dr. Hornbein studied geology at the University of Colorado, where he climbed nearby peaks in the Rockies and began teaching mountain rescue and first aid classes, developing an interest in medicine. He received a bachelor's degree in 1952 and graduated in 1956 from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis.

The next year, he joined an Alaskan expedition that unsuccessfully attempted to scale Mount Huntington, a steep peak near Denali.

By the time he climbed Everest, Dr. Hornbein was married to Gene Swartz, a fellow Colorado student who shared his interest in mountaineering. They divorced after 15 years, and in 1971 he married Kathryn Mikesell, a pediatrician. She survives him, as do five children from his first marriage, Lynn, Cari, Andrea and Bob Hornbein and Lia Scavotto; a daughter from his second, Melissa Hornbein; a sister; and a granddaughter.

Dr. Hornbein joined the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1963 and retired as a professor emeritus in 2002. A few years later he moved to Estes Park, where he could walk from his backyard into Rocky Mountain National Park. He had been enchanted by the region since boyhood and summited mountains including Longs Peak, which he reconquered at age 65 after recovering from a hip replacement.

"It was an incredible thrill," he told the Baltimore Sun, recalling how it took four years of work to get back on the mountain after his surgery.

"My friends ask, 'Don't you ever grow up?' I say, 'Why?'"

OBITUARIES



DAVID J. SHERIDAN

Eric Shoutin' Sheridan performs with the Uptown Rhythm Kings, a D.C.-based jump-blues band, in 1988 in Silver Spring.

ERIC SHOUTIN' SHERIDAN, 72

Bandleader who helped bring back the jump blues

BY TERENCE MCARDLE

Eric Shoutin' Sheridan, the kinetic, limber-legged singer and bandleader of the Uptown Rhythm Kings, a Washington-based ensemble that toured widely and helped revitalize the jump-blues music style of the 1940s and '50s, died April 29 at his home in Naperville, Ill. He was 72.

The cause was congestive heart failure, said his sister and only immediate survivor, Dorothy "Dot" Johnson.

The Uptown Rhythm Kings specialized in the horn-driven rhythm-and-blues that influenced early rock-and-roll. Mr. Sheridan sang in the full-throated style of blues shouters such as Wynonie Harris and Tiny Bradshaw.

"In the old days, they didn't have amplification, just big, loud voices," Mr. Sheridan told the Bangor Daily News in 1995. "Fortunately, I've got vocal cords of steel. I just warm up a little before I go on. The hotter it is, the better."

The jump-blues style, tailor-made for swing dancers, has been revived in recent decades by acts such as the Brian Setzer Orchestra and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. However, when the Uptown Rhythm Kings began performing in the 1980s, they were slightly ahead of the trend. Mr. Sheridan, nattily attired in vintage suits and ties, was an anomaly: a youthful Black man working in a largely forgotten genre.

"If anyone in the audience recognizes a third of our stuff, they've got to be rare record collectors like we are," he once said.

A risk-taking showman, Mr. Sheridan swore onstage, poked fun at local culture and insulted the heavy drinkers in the house — always with a smile. He was, as one writer described him, "a perpetual motion machine," thrusting his pelvis in time with the music and jumping in front of the musicians to egg them on as they soloed.

During a show at Sloppy Joe's in Key West, Fla., Mr. Sheridan jumped on the top of the bar and from there, swung on a harpoon suspended from the ceiling.

"He was just a completely uninhibited extrovert," said guitarist Keith Grimes. "When the audience sees someone who looks like he doesn't care about anything, it is liberating for them."

He also performed songs with double entendre lyrics, such as "Keep on Churnin' (Till the Butter Comes)," an R&B number popularized in 1952 by Harris.

The Uptown Rhythm Kings performed regularly at local swing dances and nightclubs. "As they picked up an audience, they got better and better and it wasn't just the music," said Marc Gretschel, who booked the now-closed Twist & Shout nightclub in Bethesda. "They always looked like they were having fun."

The band served as an incubator for talent. Grimes became the band director for singer Eva Cassidy. Baritone saxophonist LeRoi Moore joined the Dave Matthews Band. And the band spun off two other D.C.-based jump bands, Big Joe & the Dynaflows, led by drummer Big Joe Maher, and the J Street Jumpers.

Touring the country in two vehicles with a U-Haul for the instruments, the band frequently logged more than 500 miles between gigs. By the late-1990s, Mr. Sheridan grew tired of the grind. Rock-inflected jump bands proliferated as swing dancing found a new popularity. Yet somehow, the Uptown Rhythm Kings, perhaps too bluesy and now middle-aged, were lost in the shuffle.

A Chicago-area promoter persuaded Mr. Sheridan to move to the Windy City in 1997, and he started an 11-piece band, the Big Swing. Though the band lasted only two years, it toured Europe and worked regularly at the Green Mill Cocktail Lounge, a former speakeasy once frequented by gangster Al Capone.

Mr. Sheridan also loved rockabilly music and dubbed himself the "King of Blackabilly." His last band, the North Avenue Stompers, formed in 2013, mixed jump blues and rockabilly in equal measure. However, when he first joined the group, he warned his fans on Facebook that the new band performed in jeans.

Eric Stephen Sheridan was born in Washington on Jan. 22, 1951. His father was a driver for the Library of Congress, and his mother was a homemaker. Mr. Sheridan began drumming in high school, influenced by Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich.

His marriage to Robin Cunningham ended in divorce.

Mr. Sheridan recorded three albums, two with the Uptown Rhythm Kings, "Oooh Wow" (1990) and "Live Show" (1995), and one with the North Avenue Stompers, "Chicago Rock 'n' Roll" (2014).

When not performing, Mr. Sheridan, a bodybuilding enthusiast, worked as a bouncer and personal trainer.

No matter how dire the circumstances while touring, Mr. Sheridan and the Uptown Rhythm Kings soldiered on relentlessly.

During an early-morning drive from Omaha to an outdoor blues festival in New Ulm, Minn., their sleepy guitarist drove over a deer carcass. His van moved only another 1,000 feet before it stalled.

The musicians all piled into the other vehicle while Mr. Sheridan called to say the band would be running an hour late for the job. But four hours went by as they drove through torrential rains and heard tornado warnings on the CB radio.

When they got to their gig, they unloaded through a field of mud and performed — immediately.

Mr. Sheridan, always honoring the band's commitments, had ensured that everyone got paid.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PAID DEATH NOTICES

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DEATH NOTICE

ADELMAN

DOROTHY EISENBERG ADELMAN

On Saturday, May 13, 2023, Dorothy Eisenberg Adelman of Silver Spring, Maryland. Beloved wife of the late Nathan Frank Adelman; Devoted mother of Martie Adelman (Marc Schneider), Stacey Bilker (Warren), Marc Adelman (Kathy), and Robert Adelman (Lisa Simon); Beloved sister of Batya Yaakobi and Joseph Eisenberg. Cherished grandmother of Miri Neff (Dan), Anne Shmaya (Aviv), Julia Brainin (Sam), Molly Schneider, Gabriel Adelman, and Taylor Adelman. Adored great grandmother of Shaina and Ben Neff, Lea and Aryeh Brainin, and Adi Shmaya. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at Tikvat Israel, 2200 Baltimore Road, Rockville, Maryland, interment at Judean Gardens, Olney Maryland.
Family will be observing shiva at Tikvat Israel starting May 17, 2023 at 7 p.m. Contributions may be made to the Jewish National Fund or Tikvat Israel.
Arrangements by Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, Inc. under Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington Contract.

CARR

JOSEPH M. CARR

We are sad to report our dear loved one passed away on May 2, 2023. Service will be May 19, 2023. Visit beallfuneral.com for details and full obituary.

DEATH NOTICE

CUTBIRTH

LAUREL LEE CUTBIRTH
March 2, 1953 - May 2, 2023

The family of Laurel Lee Owens Cutbirth is sad to announce that she passed away at Inova Fairfax Hospital on Tuesday, May 2. She was 70 years old. She suffered from multiple illnesses for many years and is no longer in pain.
Always a kind, caring soul, she is survived by sisters Margaret Verry of Fairfax, VA, Patricia Owens of Portland, OR; brothers Michael Owens of Madison County, VA, and Richard Owens of Fairfax, VA and their spouses. She is also survived by six nieces and nephews; 11 great nieces and nephews; and many cousins.
A celebration of her life and burial of her ashes will be held at a later date to be announced. Should any want to donate in her memory, she loved animals so any animal charity or shelter would be her wish.

EBEL

JAMES J. EBEL

The officers and members of Plumbers Local No. 5 are regretfully notified of the death of Brother James J. Ebel, of Selbyville, DE who passed away on May 11, 2023. A visitation will be held on May 18, 2023 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church, 9903 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, MD 21842. A Mass of Christian Burial will immediately follow.

Terriea L. Smalls
Business Manager
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DEATH NOTICE

BREEN



ELEANORE BREEN

Eleanore Elizabeth Breen, age 101, of Fairfax, VA passed away peacefully on Monday, April 24, 2023 surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, George A. Breen; her daughter, Patricia; her brothers, Michael and John; and her sisters, Anne, Pauline, and Ethel. She is survived by her sons, Bob (Maryke), Richard, and Michael; her grandchildren, Tess, Aleta, and Adam (Christopher); and her sister, Ruth Malley. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home, Fairfax, VA. Memorial service will be on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Fairfax Presbyterian Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lamb Center, 3160 Campbell Dr, Fairfax, VA 22031. To express condolences, share fond memories and for more information please visit
www.demainefairfaxfuneralhome.com

DEATH NOTICE

ADAMS



CLARK GOLDEN ADAMS SR. (Age 97)

Clark Golden Adams Sr. began a "life fully lived and enjoyed" with a rambunctious and enterprising boyhood and college football glory in Utah. He flew B-17s, worked at Yellowstone National Park, became an aerospace executive in California and a federal government contracting watchdog in Washington, DC. Along the way he was a devoted husband, doting father, grandfather and great-grandfather, and master storyteller. He died May 7, 2023, at his home in Washington, flashing a winning smile to the end.

Clark was born June 21, 1925, in Layton, Utah. After service in the Army Air Corps during World War II, he was an All-Conference two-way tackle for the University of Utah football team, and received bachelor's and law degrees from "the U." He climbed the ranks at North American Aviation to become vice president of contracts and pricing. In 1965 he became the first national president of the National Contract Management Association.

In 1971, Clark moved to Washington to join the new Cost Accounting Standards Board. Congress disbanded the CASB in 1981 and Clark transferred to the General Accounting Office (now Government Accountability Office). He retired in 1992.

Clark taught courses on government contracting for Government Procurement Associates, later called American Graduate University, from the mid-1960s until 2021. With AGU Press, in 2015 he published the eighth edition of "Federal Acquisition and Contract Management."

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Barbara Jean (BJ) Newcomb Adams of Washington and daughter Victoria Adams Fogg (Alan) of Fairfax Station, VA. Son Clark Golden Adams Jr. (Jill) died in 2014. Survivors also include seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family thanks caregivers, especially Claudine Bornelus, Sophia Wilson and Reward Eleogu, who supported Clark and BJ for two years. The family also thanks John Yakaitis, a GAO colleague who stopped by to shave Clark for the last 20 months.

A gathering for family and friends will be held this summer. Donations may be sent to Engedi Refuge (www.engedirefuge.com), which serves women who have experienced sexual exploitation.

DEATH NOTICE

FORD



FRANCIS J. FORD III (Age 69)

On the morning of May 10, 2023, the youngest of "THE Four Ford Boys", our beloved youngest brother, found his well-deserved final "peace and quiet". Fran closed his eyes for his final time and passed at Heritage Hall in Leesburg, Va. "Crossed The Bar". In his Final Voyage of "Crossing The Bar", Fran joined our Dad (Captain Francis J. Ford, Jr.), Mom (Viola Martina (Berthiaume) Ford, Brother (Timothy D. Ford) for and now rightfully sits with the angels of the Ford Family. Fran's Last Voyage leaves a void in the hearts of his living brothers Stephen F. Ford and Terrence P. Ford and their children. Fran's smile was a light in our days together and was always the center of attention the thirty-plus Ford family Aunts, Uncles and cousins.

Francis J. Ford III was most proud and adamant about his post-nominal "III" that ranked him third in the succession order of the Worcester, Ma. and Washington, DC Ford family "FRANCIS's". Chief Francis Joseph Ford (March 10, 1883 – July 2, 1963) was Fire Station Chief, Worcester, MA and a professional leader with the respected position of "Fire Fighter" and "Chief!". Captain Francis Joseph Ford, Jr. USNR (1917 – 1996) served our nation in WW II and in post-war USA promoted the US Merchant Marine as a US Maritime Administration executive. Fran followed in their footsteps and brightened our life.

Fran was an avid camper and fisherman. Fran's annual West Coast visit "made brother Steve's Day". Their shared events and memories were mutually very special "Mano – Mano" moments of Brotherly Love

A celebration of life gathering for Francis will be held Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Murphy Funeral Homes, 1102 West Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046. Following the celebration of life gathering will be an interment from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032. To share condolences with the family, or for more information please visit
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STUTMAN



DAVID STUTMAN
1923-2023

On Friday, May 12, 2023, David Stutman passed away at age 99.

David was a lifelong Washingtonian. He grew up on Spring Road NW, attended Raymond Elementary, MacFarland Junior High and Roosevelt High School. His childhood stomping ground was the Raymond Playground. He graduated from George Washington University and completed the Education for Public Management Program at the University of Washington (Seattle).

David enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943. He served as a machine gunner in the 145th Infantry, 37th Division during WWII in the South Pacific, earning two battle stars for combat in Bougainville and Luzon.

David was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the Oak Leaf Cluster for heroic achievement at Luzon. On April 27, 1945 he was the only ammunition carrier of the first machine gun squad to reach the peak of Mount Pacawagan. When the first gunner was wounded he became the assistant gunner, ultimately defending his position against the enemy counter-attack with his rifle. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds suffered during the Battle of Manila while rescuing wounded Americans who had been booby-trapped by the enemy.

David was a patriotic American and a career civil servant for 40 years at the Pentagon. He served as Chief of Management in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics on the Army Staff. He received numerous citations including the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service from the Secretary of the Army. During his career, he served as the Army Logistics Representative on the Army Reorganization Commission which successfully implemented the Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Goldwater - Nichols Act).

David loved telling stories, following the Washington Senators and the Washington Redskins, azalea gardening, playing tennis and baseball as a youth, golf, traveling around the country and the world with his daughters, and serving as Chief of Staff for his grandchildren. He was a member of the Jewish War Veterans and passionate about the State of Israel. He was known as "Daddy" to family and friends and "Grandpa Dave" to his beloved grandchildren.

David is survived by his devoted daughters Rochelle Eisenberg (Stephen d.), Barbara Kruglak (Alan), and Valerie Portney. Also survived by his seven grandchildren Lauren Feldman (Steven), Michael Eisenberg (Nikki Campbell), Rachel Eisenberg, Danielle Wentworth (Brian), Eric Kruglak (Jennifer), Alexandra Portney, Joey Portney; and his six great-grandchildren Spencer, Poppy and Dylan Feldman, Wren Eisenberg, Arielle and Cody Wentworth; and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Antoinette, son Russell, parents Daniel and Yetta (Loube) Stutman, brother Philip Baker, and sisters Jean Schwartz and Betty Abramson.

David will be buried on a future date at Arlington National Cemetery. A Memorial Service and Shiva will be held at the home of Lauren and Steven Feldman on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in David's memory may be made to a charity of your choice.

When the need arises, let families find you in the Funeral Services Directory.

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FLORIA



GEORGE FRANCIS FLORIA

On May 10, 2023, George Francis Floria, AKA Pops, peacefully passed away. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Patricia; children, George B. Floria and Teresa L. Floria Black; six grandchildren and their spouses; three great-grandchildren; three siblings; and 11 nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary of the Assumption, 14908 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

LONG

JOHN D. LONG

The members of the Retired Fighters of Washington DC regret to announce the passing of member John D. Long on May 13, 2023. Brother Long was appointed on May 26, 1963 to Engine 15 and retired on May 1, 1978 from Engine 2.

USILANER

BRIAN USILANER

Brian Usilaner of Lake Worth, Florida and formerly of Washington, DC and Bethesda, MD died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Preceded in death by his parents Miriam and Hiram (Dutch); brother Martyn' and beloved son Larry Usilaner. Brian was the beloved husband of Libby Usilaner, adored father of Marcie Blackman (Scott) and daughter-in-law Susan Siy-Usilaner and stepdaughter Nikki Friday, and proud, cherished grandfather of Alex and Eric Blackman.
No matter what Brian did, he was all in with passion and purpose. He deeply loved his family, his many friends, and all Washington, DC sports, especially the Commanders for whom he was a proud season ticket holder for 57 years. Brian had an amazing sense of humor, a warmth that was felt by everyone who knew him, and a one-of-a-kind twinkle in his eye until the very end.
Funeral services were held Sunday, May 14, 2023 in Florida. Shiva Minyan services will be held May 16 and 17 at the Blackman residence at 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to either the National Alzheimer's Association or National MS Society or charity of your choice. May his memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him.

WHITING

RICHARD A. WHITING JR.
June 30, 1950 - February 20, 2023

A beloved friend to all, Rick died suddenly on February 20, 2023. A celebration of his life will be on May 20, 2023 at Lake of the Woods Church, 1 Church Lane, Locust Grove, VA at 1 p.m.

MCCORD



ALGIE TRAYNHAM MCCORD JR.

On May 7, 2023. The beloved husband of Rothel Lee McCord Traynham. Devoted father to daughter, Shavon Traynham-Johnson (Derrick) and his son, Jamar Traynham. He also leaves three grandchildren, four brothers, four sisters, and a host of relatives and friends. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 from 10 a.m. until service time 11 a.m. at Camp Springs Community Church, 8040 Woodyard Road, Clinton, MD 20735. The interment will be held at a later date at Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD. For service updates and to sign the family guestbook, please visit:
ralphwilliamsfuneralservice.com.

STEWART

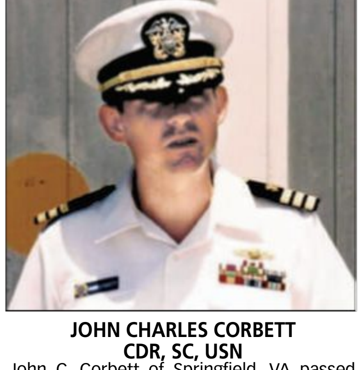


ROSEMARY ROSS STEWART

Rosemary Ross Stewart, known affectionately as "Babe", passed peacefully at home on May 11, 2023, at the age of 90. She was born November 2, 1932, in Springfield, MA, the daughter of Alice Scott Ross and Charles Cedric Ross and sister of Kenneth Ross. She married Sam Paxton Stewart on May 10, 1958. Rosemary and Sam first met on July 4, 1957, at Look Park in Northampton, MA during a picnic and were happily married for 65 years. Throughout her life, Rosemary was active in providing healthcare services as an OB-GYN nurse practitioner, helping many young couples prepare for childbirth and parenting. A person of deep faith, she lived a loving and spirited life, helping everyone she met. Rosemary was an avid tennis player and enjoyed spending time with her family at the Outer Banks. She was the devoted mother of Walter, Sandra, and Sarah. Dearly loved and missed by all, Rosemary is survived by husband Sam, her two daughters, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held in early August 2023, at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke, VA.

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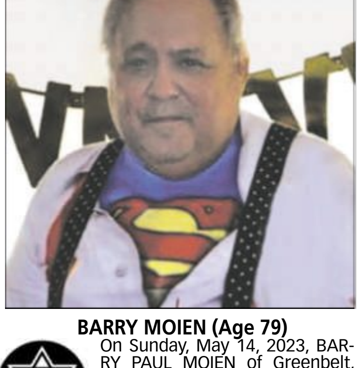
CORBETT



JOHN CHARLES CORBETT
CDR, SC, USN

John C. Corbett of Springfield, VA passed away at home on May 4, 2023. He was born on October 9, 1952 in Washington, DC to Annie and Charles Corbett. He is predeceased by his beloved parents. John graduated from Miami University in 1974 with a BA in Business and earned MBAs from George Washington University and the Naval Postgraduate School. John married his wife Alice in 1980. They have two children, Matthew and Elizabeth. John spent 20+ years in the US Navy as a Supply Officer. Upon retirement, he worked as National Director of Distribution for Whole Foods for 10 years followed by being a Fellow at LMI, McLean, VA with many years working with Defense Logistics Agency. He is survived by his wife Alice; his sister Janice Corbett; and his children Matthew Corbett and his wife Carly Corbett and his daughter Elizabeth (Corbett) Benitez and her husband Tristan Benitez. He considered all four of them "his" children.
John was a dedicated Naval officer and logistician. He was an accomplished musician of trombone, piano and organ. He was a Boy Scout leader and mentor of Eagle Scouts for almost 30 years. He was a devout member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Burke, VA and a member of a special hiking and camping group "The Old Goats." He loved cooking, good wine, and his many friends. He will be missed.
A memorial service will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Burke, VA on May 20, 2023 at 11 a.m. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Boy Scouts of America, Episcopal Relief Fund or a charity of your choice.

MOIEN



BARRY MOIEN (Age 79)

On Sunday, May 14, 2023, BARRY PAUL MOIEN of Greenbelt, MD, passed away at home at the age of 79. A Washington, DC, native, Barry was the son of Abe and Lena Moien. In 1965, Barry married the girl around the corner, Mary Berezoski, and they were together ever since.
Barry was always interested in photography and for many years owned and operated Custom Touch Color Lab, a lab for professional photographers in Brentwood, MD. He also was a member and officer of several local professional photography and lab organizations. He loved to travel in the US and most enjoyed visiting Disney World. Barry and his family also enjoyed camping locally and he and Mary made several trips cross country to see the sights, especially National Parks and Monuments. Most of his married life was spent in Greenbelt and in retirement he started organizing bus trips for seniors. The seniors in Greenbelt loved Barry and his trips and his hats and his jokes and his surprise snacks. Many commented that they would not have traveled anywhere if it weren't for the trips that "Mary and Barry" organized.
Barry is survived by his wife, Mary, and his two wonderful daughters, Kathleen Brown (Michael) of New Bern NC and Suzanne Johnson (Noel) of Washington, DC. He is also survived by his granddaughter Sloane Kiara Brown and by his brothers Joel (the late Vilma) Moien of College Park, MD, and Allen (Judi) Moien of Greenbelt. Barry is also survived by many other loving family members and friends. Graveside funeral services will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2023, 1 p.m at Greenbelt Cemetery, Greenbelt, MD. After the service, shiva will be observed at family home until 8 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.

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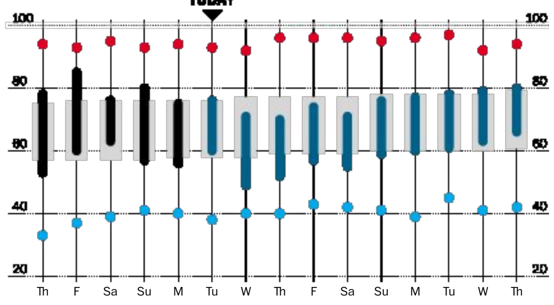
Storm threat

Partly to mostly cloudy as shower chances rise. The more intense storms should stay to the south, but a strong-to-severe storm is possible around the city. With highs near 80 and humidity approaching the moderate range, it will feel almost like summer. Winds will blow from the southwest about 10 to 15 mph, with some gusts near 30 mph.

Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	T-storm	Showers
76° 60°	71° 49°	70° 52°	74° 57°	71° 55°	76° 59°
FEELS*: 79°	FEELS: 76°	FEELS: 75°	FEELS: 77°	FEELS: 70°	FEELS: 75°
CHNCE PRECIP: 65%	P: 0%	P: 5%	P: 10%	P: 65%	P: 55%
WIND: SW 7–14 mph	W: NNW 8–16 mph	W: E 6–12 mph	W: SE 6–12 mph	W: SE 6–12 mph	W: WNW 6–12 mph
HUMIDITY: Moderate	H: Low	H: Low	H: Low	H: Moderate	H: Low

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Temperatures

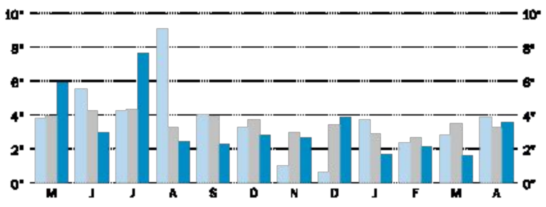


Statistics through 5 p.m. Monday

	National	Dulles	BWI
High	**75°** 3:59 p.m.	**75°** 3:56 p.m.	**77°** 5:00 p.m.
Low	**56°** 7:00 a.m.	**54°** 6:00 a.m.	**51°** 5:12 a.m.
Normal	76°/58°	75°/53°	75°/53°
Record high	94° 1962	89° 2018	96° 1962
Record low	40° 1939	37° 2016	41° 1984

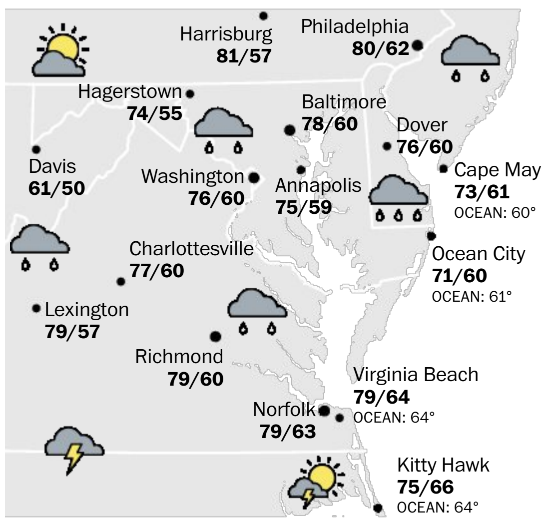
Difference from 30–yr. avg. (National): this month: **–2.3°** yr. to date: **+4.1°**

Precipitation



	National	Dulles	BWI
Past 24 hours	0.00"	0.00"	0.00"
Total this month	0.26"	0.75"	0.40"
Normal	1.89"	2.22"	1.81"
Total this year	9.14"	9.25"	9.87"
Normal	14.08"	14.74"	15.19"

REGION



Pollen: High

Grass	High
Trees	High
Weeds	Low
Mold	High

Air Quality: Good
Dominant cause: Ozone

UV: High
7 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, mostly cloudy. A couple of morning showers, then a couple of heavy thunderstorms; a shower in the morning, then periods of rain in northern parts. High 59 to 65. Winds west–southwest 10–20 mph. Tonight, occasional rain.

Atlantic beaches: Today, a couple of afternoon showers, but a thunderstorm in the south this afternoon. High 71 to 79. Winds south–southwest 10–20 mph. Tonight, periods of rain; rain, a thunderstorm in the south. Low 59 to 63. Winds west–northwest 6–12 mph.

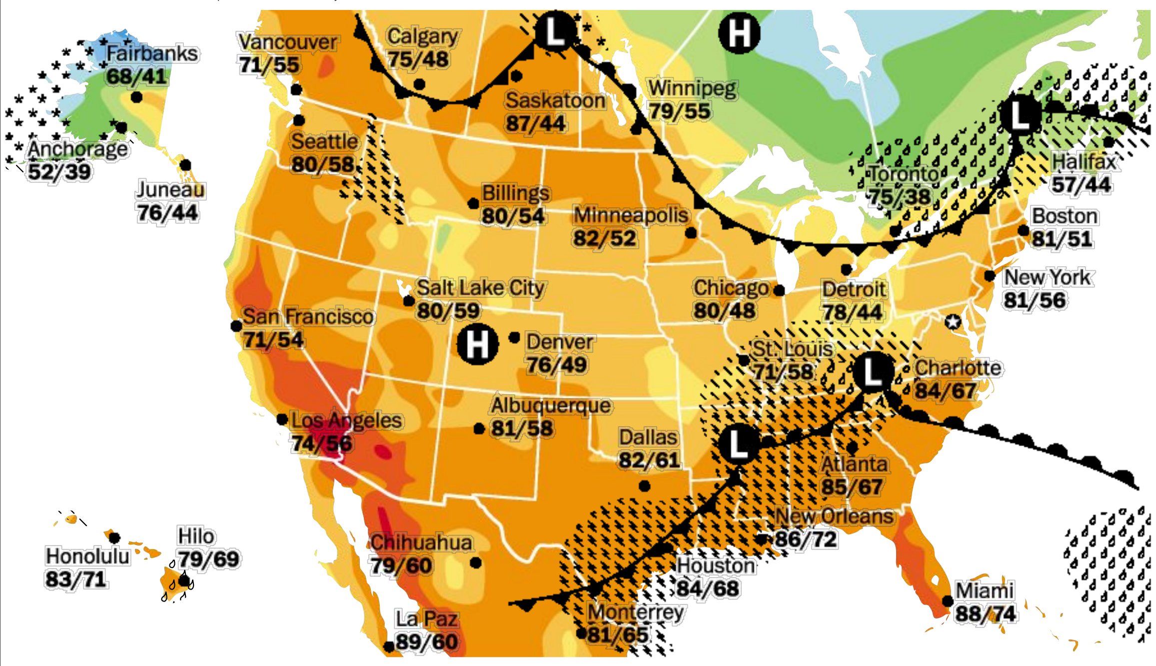
Waterways: *Upper Potomac River*: Today, mainly cloudy, rain, a thunderstorm in the afternoon. Wind southwest 6–12 knots. Waves 1–2 feet. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay*: Today, turning cloudy, showers around in the afternoon. Wind south 7–14 knots. Waves 1–2 feet on the Lower Potomac; 2–4 feet on the Chesapeake Bay.• *River Stages*: The stage at Little Falls will be around 4.10 feet today, falling to 4.00 Wednesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in **Bold**)

Washington	12:32 a.m.	**6:06 a.m.**	1:16 p.m.	**6:34 p.m.**
Annapolis	**3:34 a.m.**	9:53 a.m.	**3:33 p.m.**	9:35 p.m.
Ocean City	**5:33 a.m.**	11:45 a.m.	**6:03 p.m.**	none
Norfolk	1:38 a.m.	**7:42 a.m.**	1:42 p.m.	**8:10 p.m.**
Point Lookout	6:06 a.m.	**11:32 a.m.**	5:44 p.m.	**none**

NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



T-storms Rain Showers Snow Flurries Ice Cold Front Warm Front Stationary Front

<–10 –0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110+

Yesterday's National
High: Needles, CA **101°**
Low: Spincich Lake, MI **23°**
for the 48 contiguous states

World
High: Bilma, Niger **115°**
Low: Rauchua, Russia **–3°**
excludes Antarctica

NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	77/43/pc	60/36/s
Albuquerque	81/58/c	80/58/t
Anchorage	52/39/r	52/37/s
Atlanta	85/67/t	80/66/t
Austin	81/61/t	87/61/pc
Baltimore	78/60/sh	72/47/s
Billings, MT	80/54/t	63/48/t
Birmingham	88/68/t	77/63/t
Bismarck, ND	81/51/pc	76/47/t
Boise	83/54/s	82/55/pc
Boston	81/51/s	62/44/s
Buffalo	67/42/pc	53/39/s
Burlington, VT	67/41/t	53/36/pc
Charleston, SC	86/72/t	88/66/t
Charleston, WV	71/52/r	70/43/s
Charlotte	84/67/t	83/59/pc
Cheyenne, WY	71/45/t	73/47/t
Chicago	80/48/pc	64/47/s
Cincinnati	65/52/r	71/46/s
Cleveland	73/47/c	60/41/s
Dallas	82/61/t	84/63/pc
Denver	76/49/t	76/49/t
Des Moines	78/55/pc	77/58/t
Detroit	78/44/pc	63/42/s
El Paso	86/65/pc	90/69/t
Fairbanks, AK	68/41/pc	63/40/pc
Fargo, ND	83/55/s	84/53/c
Hartford, CT	81/53/s	64/40/s
Honolulu	83/71/pc	84/74/r
Houston	84/68/t	86/64/t
Indianapolis	69/54/sh	72/48/s
Jackson, MS	88/68/t	80/63/t
Jacksonville, FL	88/70/t	88/67/t
Kansas City, MO	68/55/c	81/56/s
Las Vegas	94/77/pc	96/75/pc
Little Rock	83/67/t	81/61/c
Los Angeles	74/56/pc	74/58/pc
Louisville	71/56/t	76/52/s
Memphis	85/65/t	80/62/pc
Miami	88/74/t	93/75/t
Milwaukee	74/44/pc	57/44/s
Minneapolis	82/52/pc	76/59/pc
Nashville	84/60/t	82/57/s
New Orleans	86/72/t	82/69/t
New York City	81/56/s	66/48/s
Norfolk	79/63/t	72/59/pc
Oklahoma City	71/56/t	78/61/pc
Omaha	77/54/pc	82/57/s
Orlando	93/72/t	94/71/pc
Philadelphia	80/62/pc	69/49/s
Phoenix	100/77/s	100/76/s
Pittsburgh	71/48/c	65/39/s
Portland, ME	73/43/c	58/36/s
Portland, OR	87/60/pc	89/64/s
Providence, RI	79/56/s	64/40/s
Raleigh, NC	86/67/t	81/56/pc
Reno, NV	85/52/s	85/55/s
Richmond	79/60/t	75/50/pc
Sacramento	92/56/s	91/56/s
St. Louis	71/58/sh	82/59/s
St. Thomas, VI	87/79/pc	87/78/pc
Salt Lake City	80/59/s	83/60/pc
San Diego	69/60/pc	68/61/pc
San Francisco	71/54/pc	67/55/pc
San Juan, PR	90/76/sh	90/75/t
Seattle	80/58/pc	82/59/pc
Spokane, WA	78/58/t	78/59/t
Syracuse	75/39/pc	52/38/s
Tampa	90/76/pc	88/75/pc
Wichita	73/54/c	79/57/s

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	74/57/sh	75/57/sh
Amsterdam	57/44/pc	58/41/pc
Athens	74/61/pc	73/60/t
Auckland	63/52/sh	65/51/s
Baghdad	96/63/s	100/73/pc
Bangkok	99/81/s	102/82/pc
Beijing	94/66/t	81/56/c
Berlin	61/43/c	60/40/c
Bogota	65/51/c	67/51/r
Brussels	59/41/pc	61/40/pc
Buenos Aires	73/60/s	71/60/pc
Cairo	97/71/c	97/65/s
Caracas	76/64/t	77/64/c
Copenhagen	59/42/sh	58/41/s
Dakar	81/73/pc	80/73/s
Dublin	61/42/pc	64/46/pc
Edinburgh	62/43/pc	61/50/c
Frankfurt	62/43/c	62/42/s
Geneva	59/49/r	61/47/c
Ham., Bermuda	72/67/c	77/70/s
Helsinki	62/50/r	58/41/c
Ho Chi Minh City	96/81/t	97/81/t
Hong Kong	86/78/pc	90/82/c
Islamabad	97/71/pc	101/74/pc
Istanbul	78/59/pc	68/57/t
Jerusalem	92/66/s	89/61/s
Johannesburg	61/46/t	68/51/pc
Kabul	78/56/pc	77/53/t
Kingston, Jam.	89/79/pc	88/79/sh
Kolkata	97/84/s	99/81/s
Kyiv	68/55/c	76/55/pc
Lagos	87/77/t	89/77/t
Lima	75/67/pc	75/67/pc
Lisbon	82/63/s	83/60/pc
London	63/46/pc	65/47/pc
Madrid	73/46/pc	74/46/s
Manila	94/81/t	94/82/r
Mexico City	75/53/r	76/54/r
Montreal	57/39/r	53/38/pc
Moscow	69/49/s	74/54/pc
Mumbai	95/84/s	93/82/s
Nairobi	76/60/r	77/60/t
New Delhi	107/82/c	107/82/s
Oslo	66/40/r	62/37/c
Ottawa	59/34/sh	54/35/s
Paris	61/44/pc	62/45/pc
Prague	59/43/c	54/42/r
Rio de Janeiro	78/68/s	76/69/sh
Riyadh	100/81/pc	109/81/pc
Rome	67/56/t	69/54/r
San Salvador	87/69/t	87/71/t
Santiago	66/50/pc	62/44/sh
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Seoul	87/59/pc	83/61/pc
Shanghai	92/67/pc	68/66/r
Singapore	90/80/t	90/79/t
Stockholm	57/43/r	50/37/r
Sydney	72/55/s	63/49/sh
Taipei City	89/72/pc	91/76/pc
Tehran	75/55/s	78/64/s
Tokyo	76/61/s	82/68/s
Toronto	75/38/pc	55/38/s
Vienna	60/49/r	52/46/r
Warsaw	70/53/c	55/44/r

Moon Phases

May 19	May 27	June 3	June 10
New	First Quarter	Full	Last Quarter

Solar system

	Rise	Set
Sun	5:55 a.m.	8:14 p.m.
Moon	4:15 a.m.	5:15 p.m.
Venus	8:40 a.m.	11:51 p.m.
Mars	10:12 a.m.	12:52 a.m.
Jupiter	4:47 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Saturn	2:38 a.m.	1:35 p.m.

Key: **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **r**-rain, **sh**- showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice

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Bowser releases crime bill

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hadn't yet been briefed on the measure, signaled wariness around certain provisions — generally disagreeing with the idea that longer sentences correlate directly with reduced crime and suggesting instead that the city should focus on increasing the closure rate for crimes such as homicides. He did, however, indicate a willingness to look at changes to pretrial release.

"It's an important aspect of public safety — when the police have probable cause to arrest somebody, we need to take seriously whether that person is a threat to the community or risk of flight that they need to be held," he said, adding that such an analysis should be data-driven rather than anecdotal.

Bowser on Monday pressed the council to vote on the legislation ahead of its summer recess in six weeks, but Mendelson said it would be "difficult" to move that quickly on a complicated array of issues.

The mayor announced her legislation less than a day after a 10-year-old girl riding in a vehicle with her parents was shot and critically wounded amid a barrage of gunfire in Northeast Washington. Hours later, in a separate incident, a 12-year-old girl sleeping in her bed was grazed by a stray bullet. The city's police chief called the incidents "unacceptable" and praised Bowser's legislation as a step toward more accountability for offenders.

The U.S. attorney's office for D.C. similarly expressed support for the legislation, saying in a statement, "Based on the public reporting, this package seems to reflect the public safety discussions we have had about legislative improvements."

D.C. Attorney General Brian L. Schwalb (D), in a statement, said he is "looking forward to reviewing this legislation in full once it is introduced and having a constructive conversation about it."

As of Monday, most categories of crime in the District were up compared with the same time last year. Homicides had increased by 7 percent, robberies by 18 percent and overall crime by 27 percent.

On Tuesday before the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, D.C.'s top public safety officials, including Bowser and outgoing D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III, will probably be forced to square their efforts to quell crime with the rising number of killings. Republicans on the committee have frequently argued that the nation's capital is unsafe and that liberal policies and politicians are to blame.



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Police Chief Robert J. Contee III, Mayor Muriel E. Bowser (D) and other D.C. safety officials are set to testify in Congress on Tuesday.

Earlier this year, that political jostling centered on a proposed revision to the District's criminal code, which would have lowered some maximum sentences for crimes such as carjacking. Congress voted to block the revision in a historic refutation of local legislation, and the council has yet to put forward another update.

Members of the Bowser administration said Monday that the legislation was not inspired by the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. But the bill calls for enhanced penalties for crimes against vulnerable people and stricter sentences for certain firearms offenses. The bill would also make strangulation a type of felony assault, increasing its penalty to three years of imprisonment.

Parts of the bill are particularly focused on juveniles, who have continued to be charged in violent offenses in the District. Earlier this month, a 12-year-old was charged in nine separate carjackings, robberies and assaults.

The bill would require the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to report aggregate data on the outcomes of dispositions and sentencing agreements in what officials said is an effort to see if diversion programs, among others, are working. It would also make it easier for judges to detain young people to the Youth Services Center or a group shelter while they are awaiting trial if they are charged with a "dangerous crime or crime of violence" or with carrying a pistol without a license.

The legislation also proposes revisions to the Second Look Amendment Act of 2019, which allows certain people sentenced for a crime when they were younger than 25 to petition for resentencing after serving 15 years. The new legislation would let judges consider the nature of the original crime, the history and characteristics of the person, and community impact statements.

Under Bowser's proposal, agencies supervising those on parole, probation or pretrial supervision would be required to share GPS data from ankle monitors with police investigators and prosecutors. The legislation would also allow people who applied for private security cameras through a city program years ago to get updated devices, as well as permit investigators to collect and input DNA evidence in first-degree sex offense cases when the prosecutorial process begins, instead of upon conviction.

Michael-Brice Saddler, Meagan Flynn and Peter Hermann contributed to this report.

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In SoHo, a frenzied sale from Sevigny's closet

'Sale of the Century,' which featured items from the actress and other fashion connoisseurs, draws a long line of shoppers

BY RACHEL TASHJIAN IN NEW YORK

On Sunday morning on Broadway, just above SoHo, three very patient women were at the front of the city's chicest line: the queue to enter a monumental sale of castoffs from the closets of Chloë Sevigny, Lynn Yaeger, Sally Singer and Mickey Boardman, and past seasons' pieces from the menswear-inspired brand the Academy. ¶ Arriving at 6 a.m., the women had been waiting at that point for more than five hours for the "Sale of the Century," an event organized by writer Liana Satenstein and her team of vintage-fashion enthusiasts. ¶ For those three, it was the magic of Sevigny that made the hours-long wait worth it. The Oscar-nominated actress has long been beloved for the sheer originality of her style and the breadth of her vintage wardrobe. A tour she gave to the defunct retailer Opening Ceremony of her closet more than a decade ago frequently pops up on TikTok, where vintage clothing (or, more accurately, secondhand designer clothing) is an obsession. "It feels really special to be able to shop her pieces," said Raya DerBedrossian, 23. ¶ "She's been the 'it girl' of New York since the it girl of New York even started," said Waverly Bruno, 27, speculating that there might be a number of pieces inside "that were in iconic moments of history." (Sevigny herself has expressed ambivalence about the it girl label, often mentioning in interviews forebears such as Edie Sedgwick and Clara Bow.)

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At Sunday's "Sale of the Century," fashionistas were able to peruse and buy clothing and other items from Chloë Sevigny (above taking selfies with fans), Mickey Boardman, Lynn Yaeger and Sally Singer. "This felt like a great segue into giving context and pizazz to someone's items that may not have been appreciated somewhere else," says organizer Liana Satenstein.

Two portraits by Rembrandt are unearthed

BY LEO SANDS

Two exceptionally rare Rembrandt portraits long forgotten by scholars of the Dutch master have been rediscovered after almost two centuries by a British auctioneer, who stumbled upon the works during a routine valuation of a family's private art collection.

The oval-shaped oil portraits, signed and dated by Rembrandt van Rijn in 1635, depict a wealthy elderly couple in Leiden, Netherlands. The two were linked to the painter through their son, who had married into Rembrandt's family.

"The pictures were completely absent from the Rembrandt literature in the 19th and 20th centuries, which was extraordinary," Henry Pettifer, an expert in Old Masters at Christie's auction house, said in announcing the find Monday. "They have intimacy about them, a dignity. They're extraordinary."

The original paintings were last seen by the public in 1824, the year they were sold to the ancestors of their current

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THEATER REVIEW

'Spamalot': A splendid slice of retro ham

BY PETER MARKS

It's bananas.

And I mean that in the most fruitfully happy way. The Kennedy Center's scrumptious revival of "Monty Python's Spamalot" supplies just the kind of relief you crave from the continual nonsense in the world outside the Eisenhower Theater — with priceless nonsense inside.

The gags of the 2005 musical by Eric Idle and John Du Prez — "lovingly ripped off" from the celebrated 1975 movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" — are divinely restored to stage life by director-choreographer Josh Rhodes and a wickedly wacky cast of 18. How funny is this daft assault on your laugh reflex? Let me count (some of) the ways:

Michael Urie, as a valor-deprived Sir Robin, finding his irresistible sweet spot in a boffo production number about the

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Are parents oversharing about kids' conditions?

BY FORTESA LATIFI

When Bella was born in 2013, she didn't leave the hospital for the first two years of her life because of a combination of a rare form of dwarfism, bowel disease and autoimmune disease. Kyla Thomson, Bella's mom, started sharing online as a way to update her family members.

As Bella grew and changed, so did the internet. Kyla moved her updates from blogs to Facebook to Instagram, eventually landing on TikTok, where she has amassed 5.7 million followers. Fans watch Bella and Kyla dance and joke and follow Bella's hospital stays, ambulance rides and nightly intravenous medication rituals.

Thomson's account is one of the biggest in the world of #medicalmoms, a corner of TikTok where mothers of disabled and chronically ill children share their parenthood journeys. Among the posted videos: a child with cystic fibrosis struggling to breathe, a premature baby getting their tracheotomy changed, and a mother dancing to a trending song while words pop up explaining her child's disability.

The parents behind these accounts say they're sharing the content to raise awareness about the realities of disability, fight social stigma and foster a community for others in their situation. But as scrutiny of influencer parents sharpens, some creators are walking back old decisions to share their kids' faces and deleting old videos. Advocates are intro-

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MEDIA

Vice Media Group files for bankruptcy protection as it works on its sale. C3

CAROLYN HAX

Do grandparents who are paying for preschool get a say in where child attends? C8



They cleared out their closets, to the benefit of fashion aficionados









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FROM TOP: Fashion enthusiasts gather Sunday outside the "Sale of the Century," which included items from Chlöe Sevigny, Mickey Boardman, Lynn Yaeger and Sally Singer. Among the shoppers was Chelsea Manning, the WikiLeaks whistleblower. By 1:05 p.m., Yaeger, seated at left, sold nearly $4,000 worth of merchandise, and some of the proceeds will be donated to charity. "All the people involved are really fashion-fashion-fashion people who have well-known looks and well-developed style," says Boardman, who was an editor at Paper for three decades.

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In the days leading up to the sale, Sevigny stoked the excitement by posting pictures of herself in items destined for the racks, such as a Versace jumper — which pop star Olivia Rodrigo had her stylist procure through a friend, with the matching jacket, early in the sale — and a Versace Medusa-print minidress.

Inside, on a second-floor loft space with creaky floors and flooded with light, was indeed a fashion freak's paradise. Satenstein, a former Vogue writer, is well known in the vintage-fashion community for her ability to predict revivals of designers on the vintage market and her therapeutic approach to closet cleaning, including an Instagram Live series called "#neverworns," in which she discusses what pieces a guest should keep, donate or sell.

She had worked with her team to organize and merchandise the space with meticulous delight, offering racks of clothes that acted like little biographies of each of the sellers. "All the people involved are really fashion-fashion-fashion people," as Boardman, who was an editor at Paper for three decades, put it, "who have well-known looks and well-developed style."

Bulbous Comme des Garçons dresses and coats burst from Yaeger's racks. ("Her closet is my Vivienne Westwood fantasy," Singer said.) Countless lace and tulle dresses, many with shredded hems and priced around $50, hung in Sevigny's section, as did an $825 leopard-print coat by Supreme and a $150 tube top by Jean Paul Gaultier, a mix of the delicate and hard, the street and the fantastical.

In Singer's corner, $150 vintage dresses with spiffy prints or illustrations sat next to a stunning white brocade minidress with coral and turquoise beading by Balenciaga under Nicolas Ghesquière. (The piece was priced at $1,000 but would have sold new for far more.) It was tantalizing to imagine the evenings she might have had in those clothes, getting ready in her onetime apartment in the Chelsea Hotel and charging out into the night. Boardman's space was filled with the costume jewelry he's known for layering over Ralph Lauren polos, as well as a Charles and Diana tea towel from his beloved collection of royals memorabilia.

Satenstein and her sellers were thoughtful about presenting a wide range of items. "Resale platforms, especially third-party ones, can only do so much and can only sell certain pieces," Satenstein said. TheRealReal, for example, has a list of designer brands it accepts, and it can often be difficult to see the appeal of a filmy antique blouse on Depop, eBay or Etsy. "This felt like a great segue into giving context and pizazz to someone's items that may not have been appreciated somewhere else," Satenstein said. Sevigny lamented in an interview last week that thrift stores seem increasingly "overwhelmed with disposable brand stuff." She wanted shoppers to be able to find, at a reasonable price, the kind of funky and beautiful things she grew up hunting for.

Satenstein is known for a style of closet clean-out that is more like therapy, and part of the sale's appeal was that even the sellers' trash was treasure. Once, while Satenstein was cleaning out one of Singer's bags, she found an old Styrofoam plate. As it turns out, it was autographed by Bob Dylan, a souvenir from Singer's early days waitressing in the city.

Sevigny is deeply attached to her immense clothing collection but found herself in a cycle of buying, selling and storing. Satenstein came to her storage unit with her assistant, Eden Pritikin, "and they were cutthroat," Sevigny said.

"I feel like I'm also at a transition point," she continued. "I'm 48. I just had a baby. I'm okay to transition out of certain things that maybe I would have been into before. Maybe that was a big impetus. There were a lot of things that weren't maybe as pristine as now I want to present myself as. Maybe I don't feel the need to draw so much attention [to myself]. Here I am buying a pink faux-fur Prada jacket for myself for Mother's Day!" she laughed. "But maybe wanting to ease myself into something a little more subtle, or a little more grown-up."

At noon, the doors opened, and the buyers' faces had a look of wonder. Sevigny perched on a sofa by the entrance, signing copies of her 2015 Rizzoli book, and took selfies and chatted with fans. Shoppers quickly loaded their arms with piles of sheer white dresses, Depeche Mode T-shirts and vintage dresses in geometric 1970s prints. The three women who had been first in line scored a shaggy navy blue coat by Proenza Schouler for $200 and a khaki Mugler dress for $325, plus armfuls of other goodies.

By 1:05, Yaeger had made nearly $4,000. (Each seller is donating a portion of their profits to a charity of their choice.) Less than an hour later, her rack of skirts by Comme, Replika and Marc Le Bihan was empty, leaving just a few blouses by Chloé and animal-print cardigans. "This is the most money I've ever spent, like, impulsively," said one woman, clutching two pairs of Tabi shoes by Maison Margiela and a miniskirt, to a friend. Pizza was delivered, and Satenstein took a box down to distribute pieces to those still bravely waiting in line. One man finally bought a much-discussed enormous black lacquered chess set by Chanel for $450. He said he "absolutely" planned to use it.

Among the starry-eyed zoomers were a few genuinely famous faces, including actress Tommy Dorfman, who gave Sevigny a big hug, and the security consultant and whistleblower Chelsea Manning. Dressed in Carmina shoes, skinny jeans and a fitted pink button-up, Manning said Singer and Sevigny had texted her to stop by. She was inspecting a pair of black combat boots by Solovair, a British company that, she explained, produced Doc Martens until the brand moved its manufacturing elsewhere.

The sense that shoppers were among fashion icons — fulfilling a fantasy of running amok in their closets — permeated. One shopper bought a white vest and matching trousers because Sevigny mentioned offhand that she'd worn it to dinner with Nicolas. (That would be Ghesquière, the designer who reinvented Balenciaga at the turn of the 21st century and who now helms Louis Vuitton's womenswear.) Singer, a longtime Vogue editor, worked the cash register, advising buyers on the details of their purchases. "You know this Chloé from the era of Phoebe Philo?" she asked one shopper, referring to the period during which cult-favorite designer Philo was designing the French brand Chloé in the early 2000s with a flirtatious, party-girl grit.

To vintage buffs and those who treat their closets as burgeoning wearable museums, this kind of provenance is seductive.

It wasn't that shoppers seemed to see this as a sort of celebrity auction, where Marilyn Monroe's pill bottles are sold alongside discarded notes from acting school. It was that, to devotees, Sevigny, Yaeger, Boardman and Singer are known to few but genuine celebrities and those who know them, the kinds of personae who make fashion into something not only human, but also eccentric, exciting.

"I think it's some illusion, some dream of what it's like to be in fashion," longtime fashion writer Yaeger said, her lips in their deep pink cupid's bow. "I always think of myself as an outsider in this industry, even though I've been around for a million years, so maybe not."

Niko Haagenson, 19, was more emphatic after chatting with Yaeger. "I think she's a great example of true, true inclusivity," he said, "where it doesn't matter what your style is, how rich you are, who your parents are, whatever. She is just somebody who is so her."

Gabriel Held, a vintage collector whose archive celebrities often borrow from, got the Versace printed minidress and several other items, including a faux-fur Marc Jacobs coat priced at $200. Considering that Sevigny and the other hosts held several such sales before, including some with Held, why did he think this one caused such a frenzy? Nostalgia. "Every generation since [her own] has been inspired by her," he said. "Everybody's here with the same hope to get a piece of history."

That, and the general mania for secondhand designer clothes — nostalgia for clothes from periods when the shoppers were barely cognizant — especially among 20- and 30-somethings. Laura Reilly, 32, who edits a shopping newsletter called Magasin that focuses on designers and sales off the beaten path, said the huge interest in vintage clothes means it's harder to find good stuff at a good price. "This is the ultimate edit," she said.

It was a genuinely heartwarming scene. "If this doesn't fit me, *you* should get it!" I heard friends say to one another more than once. A grinning mother and daughter, Donna and Bayleigh Young, shopped together — it was Mother's Day, after all — walked out with more than 10 pieces, including "this Loewe thing," Bayleigh said, which was a kind of vest that looked like football shoulder pads that she had been lusting after for "a long time." Her mother scored Sevigny's book (with an autograph, of course) and a pink cardigan from Sevigny's clothing line for Opening Ceremony.

As the hours stretched on and shoppers continued to inspect torn band T-shirts and label-less faded vintage dresses with the same tenderness as that brocade Balenciaga dress, or Sevigny's shearling Hermès coat, it seemed as if we were in a temporary utopia, where the value of a garment isn't merely the label, but the story behind it, and the feeling that you, too, might have some fantastic adventure by just slipping your arms into the sleeves.



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LEFT: Alex Brightman, at left, as a spokesman for the Knights Who Say "Ni!," with James Monroe Iglehart, center, as King Arthur and Matthew Saldivar as Patsy in "Monty Python's Spamalot," at the Kennedy Center through Sunday. ABOVE: Nik Walker as Sir Galahad and Leslie Rodriguez Kritzer as the Lady of the Lake.

'Spamalot': Still the holy grail for musical comedy

THEATER REVIEW FROM **C1**

Jewish people's everlasting Broadway glory.

Alex Brightman, as a spokesman for the Knights Who Say "Ni!," ad-libbing his way to theater immortality.

The Killer Bunny. Omg.

Nik Walker, summoning his inner Robert Goulet for a self-adoring turn as Sir Galahad in "The Song That Goes Like This."

Leslie Rodriguez Kritzer, the show's glamour-hogging Lady of the Lake, out-Elphaba-ing Idina Menzel with a high note higher than anything in "Defying Gravity."

Rob McClure's petulant Prince Herbert, so irritatingly lovelorn. And yet at the same time, so adorably needy.

This Broadway Center Stage mounting is a tightly packed clown car, speeding to musical-theater nirvana. (Did I mention James Monroe Iglehart as a superb straight man of a King Arthur, with his trusty patsy, Patsy, played by Matthew Saldivar, forever at his side?)

Musical comedies, like bananas, can go bad. But time has been kind to Python's mix of high- and lowbrow humor. The antics are of a variety that deconstructs the irrationality of king-making in one moment ("We're an anarcho-syndicalist commune," declares a peasant played by Walker) and sends up bodily functions in the next ("I fart in your general direction!" Brightman shouts in an outrageously snooty French accent).

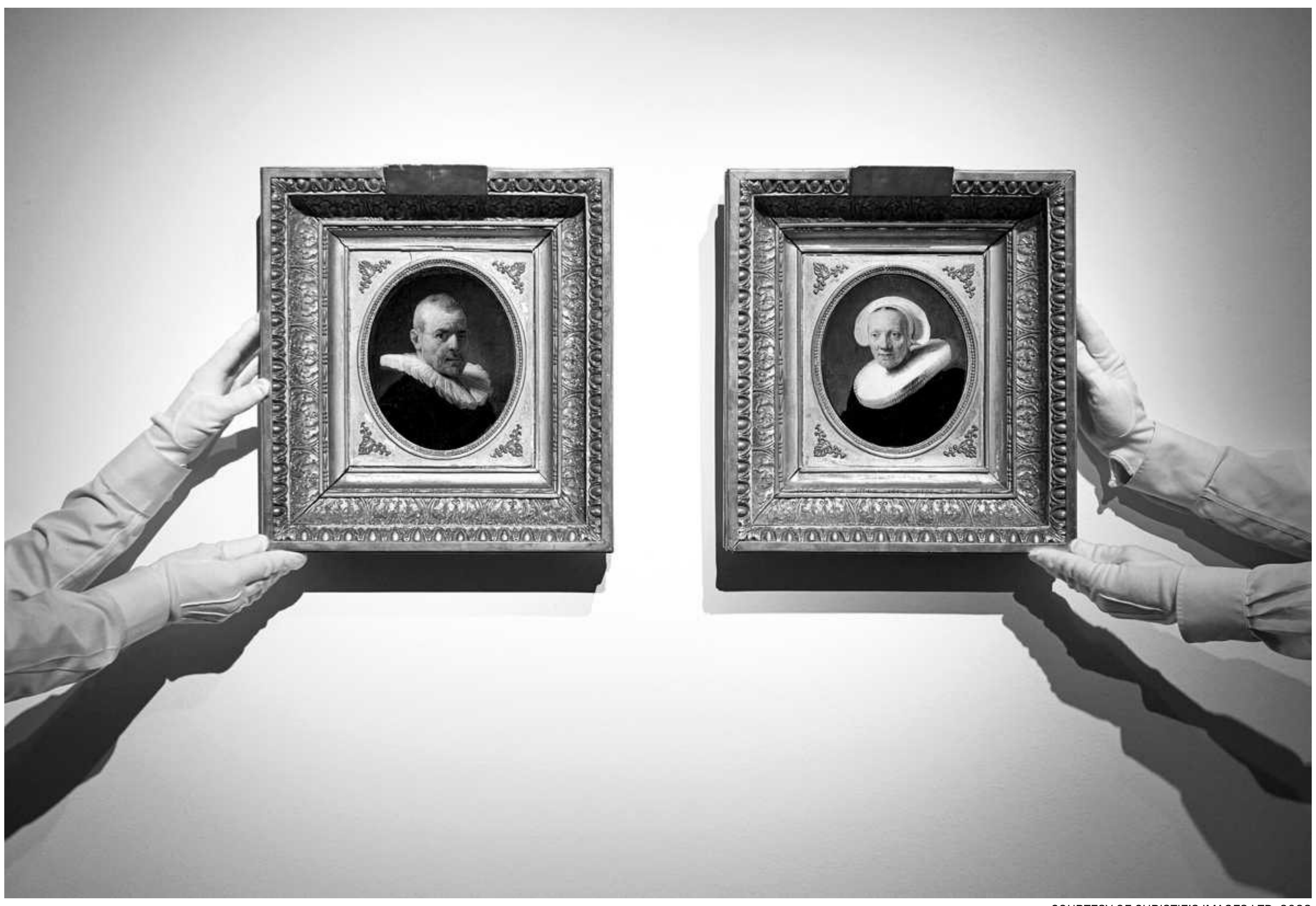
Idle, in a dead heat with the other original Pythons as the funniest Python, wrote a book for the musical that nostalgically re-creates some of the movie's best episodes and adds a cheeky, meta-theatrical lampoon of Broadway conventions. Idle collaborated on the score with Du Prez, who was in the audience Sunday night when the show officially opened. "What happens in Camelot stays in Camelot!" King Arthur exclaims at the outset of a splashy Vegas number with scantily clad chorines — the Lady of the Lake's Laker Girls — dancing while carrying platters of jiggling mounds of gelatin.

It's rude, it's retro, it's a riot. Set designer Paul Tate dePoo III places the 14-member Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, conducted by John Bell, atop primitive arched structures straight out of a medieval video game. Even dePoo's projections are in on the joke: Wait for the jaw-dropping visual slapdown of a certain Long Island congressional prevaricator during "You Won't Succeed on Broadway." Idle, who supplies the voice of God, encouraged the company to add choice improvisations — and, well, mission accomplished.

Letting this rowdy gang loose on the musical feels like an affectionate perpetuation of the Python spirit. Rhodes, who directed "The Who's Tommy" for the Broadway Center Stage series, which produces concert-style revivals of Broadway favorites, spreads the glee liberally. An energy-boosting dancing ensemble, 10 strong, brings welcome collective dashes of savvy and wit to the rousing production numbers. There's a disciplined looseness to the proceedings, a sense of a big occasion during which everyone is going to get their comic shot. And everyone does.

I won't commit the injustice of highlighting one performance over any other. Not when coaxing us into a delirious frame of mind is such a successful team effort — by players drafted from the major leagues of lunacy.

Monty Python's Spamalot, book and lyrics by Eric Idle, music by John Du Prez and Idle. Directed and choreographed by Josh Rhodes. Music direction, John Bell; sets and projections, Paul Tate dePoo III; lighting, Cory Pattak; costumes supervision, Jen Caprio; sound, Haley Parcher. With Jimmy Smagula. About 2 hours 20 minutes. Through Sunday at the Kennedy Center. *kennedy-center.org*.



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Two portraits, signed and dated by Rembrandt van Rijn in 1635, depict a wealthy elderly couple in the Netherlands. "The pictures were completely absent from the Rembrandt literature in the 19th and 20th centuries, which was extraordinary," said Henry Pettifer.

Portraits found during routine valuation

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owners, who Christie's said were unaware that both were confirmed originals.

"The family liked the pictures but were never certain that they were by Rembrandt and never really looked into that," Pettifer said. "They have been quietly sitting in this collection, effectively hidden away from any attention at all."

Only a single reference to either of the pair could be found in the past two centuries — an overlooked photograph in a Dutch library that someone had labeled "copy."

Once Pettifer unearthed the portraits during the pandemic, Christie's sent them to be examined and verified or discredited by Rembrandt experts at Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum. Casper van der Kruit, a spokesperson for the museum, said in an email Monday that "the Rijksmuseum conducted material-technical and art-historical research and came to the same conclusion."

The paintings are relatively small in scale: less than 8 inches tall and 6½ inches wide, which makes them among the smallest of Rembrandt's known portraits. "They're unlike some of his grand, formal commissioned portraits, and they are something much more spontaneous and intimate. I think the reason for that is that the sitters were very closely connected to Rembrandt," Pettifer said.

"They were very much from Rembrandt's own inner circle," he added. "We should regard them as personal documents rather than formal commissions."

After a tour in New York and Amsterdam in June, the portraits will return to London for display and auction. Pettifer said the pair is expected to fetch an estimated $6.25 million to $10 million.

The paintings depict husband Jan Willemsz van der Pluym and wife Jaapgen Carels, whose son married a Rembrandt cousin. The two families were also neighbors, according to Christie's. In the same year that they sat for Rembrandt, the couple acquired a garden next to that of the artist's mother in Leiden.

The portraits remained in the possession of the van der Pluym family until 1760, when they passed through various art collections in Warsaw and Paris before coming into the possession of James Murray, 1st Baron Glenlyon. He put them up for sale on June 18, 1824, with a simple listing of "Rembrandt — very spirited and finely coloured."

Rembrandt, one of the most celebrated artists of all time, was born in Leiden in 1606, the youngest of at least 10 children to a prosperous miller, according to the National Gallery of Art.

After a classical education and work as an apprentice to other painters, the young artist established his own studio by the age of 21 and quickly soared to prominence. According to the Rijksmuseum, which holds the world's largest collection of Rembrandt works, the Dutch master honed his craft by drawing and painting portraits of family members and acquaintances.

He dominated the 17th-century art scene in Holland, known as its "Golden Age," and achieved levels of status and acclaim unheard of among artists then. He died in Amsterdam in 1669.

Vice files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection

BY LEO SANDS

The once highflying Vice Media Group filed for bankruptcy protection Monday, kick-starting a court-supervised reorganization process that the company said in a statement would prepare it for a sale.

The Chapter 11 filing follows successive rounds of grueling layoffs at the former media giant, which at one time was valued at more than $5 billion. But after its early success with a digital-first model — heralded as the industry's future — Vice has struggled financially in recent years.

"To facilitate the sale, VICE has filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 in the US Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York," the company said in a statement Monday. Executives said a consortium of potential buyers, including Fortress Investment Group and Soros Fund Management, had offered to purchase the company for about $225 million.

All of Vice's individual brands, including Vice News, Refinery29 and i-D, will continue to produce content throughout the filing process, the company said, adding that its international entities were not part of the court filing.

Executives said they hoped the accelerated sale process would allow them to continue paying employee salaries, protect the company's business position and secure its long-term future. The goal is for the company to emerge "financially healthy" this summer, they said.

"We will have new ownership, a simplified capital structure and the ability to operate without the legacy liabilities that have been burdening our business. We look forward to completing the sale process in the next two to three months and charting a healthy and successful next chapter at VICE," co-chief executives Bruce Dixon and Hozefa Lokhandwala said in the statement.

Shane Smith helped found Vice as a magazine in 1994, before later expanding it into a digital behemoth whose skyrocketing traffic numbers at one stage eclipsed those of its more established competitors. The site's journalism appealed to younger audiences, ages 18 to 35, who preferred to use their phones for news. Vice was also an early adopter of digital video journalism, producing documentaries on North Korea and interviews with cannibals.

Despite its digital-first focus that's now the norm across the media landscape, Vice has struggled. Executives announced in April that they were cutting their popular television program "Vice News Tonight," Reuters reported. Vice's union projected that about 100 employees would be laid off as a result.

The bankruptcy filing comes about one month after BuzzFeed, another digital-media pioneer, announced that it was shuttering its news division after 12 years. The site's co-founder and chief executive blamed challenges stemming from BuzzFeed's model of free digital journalism — including the coronavirus pandemic, a "tech recession" and declining advertising revenue across the board.



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Vice has become the latest digital-media pioneer to fall.

TELEVISION

TV HIGHLIGHTS



HBO

Angel City (HBO at 9) This docuseries follows the story of Los Angeles-based professional women's soccer team Angel City Football Club, which was founded in September 2020 by actor Natalie Portman, pictured, venture capitalist Kara Nortman and gaming entrepreneur Julie Uhrman.

Deadliest Catch (Discovery at 8) Sig returns from his mother's funeral to find his gear in danger; Rick and Keith create a mutually beneficial partnership; Jack has his first offload as captain; the Coast Guard is called to save a sailor with broken legs 200 miles out to sea.

FBI (CBS at 8) When a group of teens dies from drug overdoses, the team races to find the dealer who sold them the drugs and his supplier; OA questions his faith.

The Real Housewives of New Jersey (Bravo at 8) Everyone visits Paul and Dolores's house for their Irish Prohibition party; a secret is revealed to Melissa and sours the night of drinking and gambling; the Gorgas make a tough choice.

American Masters: Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV (PBS at 9) This episode chronicles the evolution of Nam June Paik, pioneer of video art and coiner of the phrase "electronic superhighway."

FBI: International (CBS at 9) The team heads to Portugal to investigate the daughter of a prominent American hotelier, who is the prime suspect in the murder of an employee; Raines grows concerned about Vo.

FBI: Most Wanted (CBS at 10) Team members look for a missing teen they think was lured into illegal work by a dangerous man; Remy discovers a previously undisclosed witness in his brother's murder case.

SPECIAL

Zarna Garg: One in a Billion (Prime Video) Zarna Garg tells stories of matchmaking, entitled kids and clueless husbands from her unapologetically Indian immigrant mom perspective in this comedy special.

MOVIE

Anna Nicole Smith: You Don't Know Me (Netflix) This documentary investigates the life of model Anna Nicole Smith through the eyes of those who knew her.

FINALE

9-1-1: Lone Star (Fox at 8) Owen's brother Robert shows up asking for help; Judd and Grace deal with a family crisis; tragedy occurs as T.K. and Carlos prepare for their wedding.

— Olivia McCormack

BROADCAST CHANNELS

5/16/23	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
4.1 WRC (NBC)	♦ **NBC News**	♦ **Hollywood**	♦ Night Court	♦ Night Court	♦ **The Wall**		♦ **Weakest Link**		♦ **News**	(:35) ♦ J. Fallon
4.2 WRC (IND)	Bones		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	♦ **Fox 5**	♦ **TMZ**	♦ **9-1-1: Lone Star** (SF)				♦ **Fox 5 News at 10**		♦ **Fox 5 News**	♦ **The Final 5**
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	♦ **Wheel**	♦ **Jeopardy!**	♦ **Jeopardy! Masters**		♦ **Judge Steve Harvey**		♦ Celebrity Family Feud		♦ **News**	♦ J.Kimmel
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	♦ **News**	♦ **ET**	♦ **FBI**		♦ **FBI: International**		♦ **FBI: Most Wanted**		♦ **9 News**	(:35) ♦ Colbert
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	♦ **La rosa de Guadalupe**		♦ **Perdona nuestros**		♦ **El amor invencible**		♦ **Mujer**		♦ Noticias	♦ **Noticiero**
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	♦ FamFeud	♦ **FamFeud**	♦ **Fox 5 News On the Plus**		♦ **FamFeud**	♦ FamFeud	♦ Big Bang	♦ Big Bang	♦ Chicago Fire	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	♦ Farm	♦ Outdoors	♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ **American Masters**				♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
26.1 WETA (PBS)	♦ **PBS NewsHour**		♦ Finding Your Roots		♦ **American Masters**				♦ **Amanpour and Company**	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	♦ DW News	♦ To Dine For	♦ America ReFramed		♦ Legacy	♦ Journey	♦ Generation Teen		♦ BBC News	♦ Money
50.1 WDCW (CW)	♦ Neighbor	♦ Neighbor	♦ Superman & Lois		♦ Gotham Knights		♦ **DC News Now**		♦ Seinfeld	♦ Seinfeld
66.1 WPXW (ION)	♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago Fire		♦ Chicago Fire	

CABLE CHANNELS

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A&E	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	**Neighbor.**	**Neighbor.**	**Road Wars**	Road Wars	Neighbor.	(:35) Neighbor.
AMC	(6:00) Movie: Major League II ★ (1994)			Movie: Major League ★★ (1989)					Movie: Caddyshack ★★	
Animal Planet	North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law	
BET	Payne	Payne	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**The Family Business**		**All the Queen's Men**		Movie: Acrimony ★ (2018)	
Bravo	**Housewives of NJ**		**Housewives of NJ**		**Dancing Queens**		**Watch What**	The Real Housewives of New Jersey		
Cartoon Network	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	King/Hill	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick
CNN	**E. B. OutFront** (Live)		**Cooper 360** (Live)		**CNN Primetime** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)		**CNN Tonight** (Live)	
Comedy Central	(:10) TheOffice	(:45) TheOffice	(:20) The Office		(:55) TheOffice	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park
Discovery	Deadliest Catch		**Deadliest Catch**		Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing				Naked and Afraid	
Disney	Ladybug	Marvel's Mo	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Hamster &	Marvel's Mo	Saturdays
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	**E! News**	**Fast**
ESPN	NBA Countdown		**Draft Lottery**	**NBA Basketball** Los Angeles Lakers at Denver Nuggets (Live)					**SportsCenter** (Live)	
ESPN2	NFL Live		Rookie	**NBA Basketball**					NFL Live	
Food Network	Chopped		**Chopped**		**Supermarket Stakeout**		Chopped		Chopped	
Fox News	**Jesse Watters** (Live)		**Fox News Tonight** (Live)		**Hannity** (Live)		**The Ingraham Angle** (Live)		Gutfeld!	
Freeform	(6:00) Movie: 10 Things I ...		Movie: The Waterboy ★ (1998)				How I Met	How I Met	**The 700 Club**	
FX	(5:00) Movie: Kingsman: T...		Movie: The A-Team ★★ (2010)					Movie: The A-Team ★★ (2010)		
Hallmark	(6:00) Movie: The Story o...		Movie: My Favorite Wedding (2017)				Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
Hallmark M&M	Crossword Mysteries				Movie: The Jane Mysteries: Inheritance Lost (2023)				Murder, She Wrote	
HBO	(6:50) Movie: Black Adam ★★ (2022)				**Angel City** (P)		(:05) Barry	(:40) White		Succession
HGTV	100 Day Dream Home		100 Day Dream Home		**100 Day Dream Home**		**Hunters**	Hunters	**Hunters Int'l**	Hunters Int'l
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Lifetime	Castle		Castle		Castle		(:05) Castle		(:05) Castle	
MASN	(6:30) **Baseball** Washington Nationals at Miami Marlins				**Nats Xtra**	Bensinger	MLR Rugby New England Free Jacks at Old Glory DC			
MSNBC	**The ReidOut** (Live)		**All In With** (Live)		**Alex Wagner Tonight** (Live)		**The Last Word With** (Live)		**11th Hour** (Live)	
MTV	**Love Hip Hop**		**Love Hip Hop**		**Couples Retreat**		Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
Nat'l Geographic	Port Protection Alaska		**Life Below Ze**		**Life Below Ze**		Port Protection Alaska		Life Below Ze	
NBC SportsNet WA	(6:30) 106.7 The Fan's Sports Junkies							Triton Poker		Triton Poker
Nickelodeon	Movie: Despicable Me 2 ★★★ (2013)				Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NWSN	**On Balance**		**Cuomo**		**Dan Abrams Live** (Live)		**Banfield**		Cuomo	
PARMT	Two Men	Two Men	Movie: The Break-Up ★★ (2006)					**Uncoupled**	**Uncoupled**	Movie
Syfy	(6:00) Movie: Troy ★★★ (2004)				Movie: The Invisible Man ★★★ (2020)					Movie
TBS	Sheldon	**Leadoff**	**MLB Baseball** Chicago Cubs at Houston Astros (Live)						**MLB Close**	Sheldon
TCM	(6:15) Movie: Tension ★★		Movie: Spring and Port Wine ★★★ (1970) (P)				Movie: Sam Whiskey ★★ (1969)			
TLC	7 Little Johnstons		**7 Little Johnstons**		**7 Little Johnstons**		**Return to Amish**		You, Me & My Ex	
TNT	Movie: Beauty and the Beast ★★★ (2017)					Movie: Beauty and the Beast ★★★ (2017)				
Travel	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TruTV	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Movie: The Hangover Part III ★★ (2013)			
TV Land	Griffith	Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	(:05) King	(:40) King
TV One	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single	Living Single
USA Network	Law & Order: SVU		**WWE NXT** (Live)				(:10) Movie: Rambo: Last Blood ★ (2019)			
VH1	(5:30) Movie: Tyler Perry's...		Movie: Forrest Gump ★★★★ (1994)							Cheaters
WNC8	**Forum**	Emeril	Fed Gov	7News at 6	**SportsTalk**	**World News**	**WJLA News**	Crawford	**The National Desk** (Live)	

LEGEND: Bold indicates new or live programs ♦ High Definition Movie Ratings (from TMS) ★★★★ Excellent ★★★ Good ★★ Fair ★ Poor No stars: not rated

Mother keeps apologizing for needing children's help while fighting cancer

Ask Amy

AMY DICKINSON

Dear Amy: My mother raised eight children. She is in her late 70s and lives alone. She recently received a cancer diagnosis, and we have been taking turns getting her to appointments and helping with errands, chores, meals, etc. We are happy to help and tell her so.

My problem is that she gets very emotional and constantly apologizes to us, saying variations of, "Children should never have to care for their mother," and stating that she is "a burden" to us. Constant reassurance from us is not helping.

How can we help her to understand that we want to help and are happy to do so? She spent many years caring for her own mother at the end of my grandmother's life, so I'm not sure whether that is part of it or not.

What do you think?

— Feeling Helpless

Helpless: I suspect that your mother's lengthy experience of taking care of her own mother probably is a factor informing her emotional response. People seldom talk about this, but for some, caregiving for an elderly parent can be a traumatic and ultimately heartbreaking experience.

If that was the case with your mother, her current situation has probably triggered some very real distress, and — as the loving and concerned mother she is — she is upset by the prospect of any of you having a similar experience.

Your mother has also received a frightening diagnosis. This may have triggered extreme anxiety (who could blame her?!), and the way she is ruminating and resisting comfort should be a cause for concern for her health-care team.

My first suggestion is to make sure that her physicians know about her rumination and anxiety. This might be a cognitive issue exacerbated by diet, medications or lack of sleep.

For you and your siblings, I suggest that instead of leaping in with quick reassurances, you should make sure to listen and give your mother plenty of space to express herself. You might then say to her, "I know you have a lot to deal with right now, but can you say what you are most worried about in this moment?" She may need to cry and express some universal and existential worries. Having loved ones able to listen calmly and bear quiet witness might help her.

And yes, you should all do your best to express (through your deeds and words): "Mom, we are honored and happy to be with you, no matter what. You had us, and now we've got you."

Dear Amy: I am a woman in a relationship with a younger man. At the beginning of this relationship, he was very into love, sex, romance and sharing everything. I paid all of our rent and utilities for the first six months, and we were both working.

Well, about three months ago, he changed. No more sex, romance or anything. I've spoken to him about paying his share of our living expenses, and he gets upset immediately.

He says he loves me, but I have trouble believing him. I feel at times that he is getting a free ride. He never helps around the house and doesn't keep his word. I'm so tired of wondering whether he wants a lover or a mother.

I'm hoping you can help me figure this out.

— Wondering

Wondering: I'm glad you turned to me. Wonder no longer!

Despite your generous attitude, according to your narrative, even in the early days of your relationship, this dude did not actually share everything. In fact, he doesn't seem to have shared anything. You've been paying full freight and carrying the full weight of this relationship. To clarify, his version of "sharing" is called "taking."

He doesn't want a lover; he doesn't want a mother. He wants an easy mark, and he seems to have found one in you. You'll feel much better about yourself and this relationship if you cut your losses and show him the door.

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They only invite me to events that require gifts

Miss Manners

JUDITH MARTIN, JACOBINA MARTIN AND NICHOLAS IVOR MARTIN

Dear Miss Manners: With a certain group, I am only invited to events that require gifts. I've realized these people are complete users. How do I gently get away from them?

Sadly, that seems to be the prevalent form of entertaining everywhere. Rather than planning parties just for the fun of getting together with friends, many people only issue invitations to celebrate milestones in their own lives.

Adults used to have parties only on significant birthdays; now it's every year. Countless events — besides the wedding reception and perhaps a shower — have been tacked on to marriages. And even those are not enough, so people have gotten creative, inventing such things as the "going off to college" shower and the gender-reveal party.

Of course, such events imply gift-giving. Unabashed greed, now that perfectly solvent people are not ashamed to beg for cash, surely has a lot to do with this.

But Miss Manners suspects that there could be another explanation for the decline in just-for-the-fun-of-it entertaining: Today's would-be hosts have no pattern to follow.

They are familiar with the format of a birthday party. And during (or after) college, they experienced spontaneous cooperative get-togethers where someone brought the wine, someone else made the spaghetti and others picked up dessert. But an actual dinner party? That sounds "formal."

Not necessarily. But formal or informal, there is a pattern for a dinner party: a guest list filled with people who would presumably enjoy talking with one another; drinks and nibbles as they arrive; dinner while seated around a table; and coffee served away from the table, so different groups can form.

Trust Miss Manners: This is a very pleasant way to spend an evening. And it is not hard to put on.

It would probably not be helpful for her to suggest that you trade in your group of "users" for people who want only to enjoy your company and not to send you shopping. But you might try setting an example. While declining those parties, you could show your friendship by inviting them to events with no such strings attached.

When they ask, you will have to respond, "No, there's no special occasion; I'd just like to see you," and you might eventually inspire them.

Dear Miss Manners: Why is it considered rude to wash your hands at a kitchen sink? The dish soap is available, the water is available, so what's the problem?

It is? Other than when the cook doesn't want you underfoot and you could use the bathroom sink?

Miss Manners suspects that there are people who like to think up strange rules for the purpose of catching other people violating them. And that there are others who will now think of some strange hygienic reason to justify this alleged rule.

New Miss Manners columns are posted Monday through Saturday on *washingtonpost.com/advice*. You can send questions to Miss Manners at her website, *missmanners.com*. You can also follow her @RealMissManners.

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John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 1:05-4:45-8:20-10:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:35-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:55
Hypnotic (R) CC: 1:10-3:30-7:30-10:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:20-9:55
Polite Society (PG-13) CC: 2:25
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 4:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:55-5:20-10:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:00-8:30
Air (R) CC: 1:20-4:10-7:05-9:50
Sisu (R) CC: 5:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 1:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 12:45-3:10-5:35-8:00-10:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:30-7:45-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 5:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:20-4:55-7:30-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:30-3:45-7:00-10:15
Love Again (PG-13) OC: 6:35
Evil Dead Rise (R) OC: 7:50

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - DC Bryant Street
630 Rhode Island Ave NE
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:00-3:00-7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 12:00; 9:20
Evil Dead Rise (R) 4:40-7:45-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-2:00-3:30-5:00-6:00-9:00
The Wizard (1989) (PG) 7:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:15AM
Beau Is Afraid (R) 11:30AM
Air (R) 1:45
Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie (R) 7:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 9:45
Hypnotic (R) 5:00
BlackBerry (R) 12:45-3:15-6:40-10:05
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:40-6:20
Evil Dead Rise (R) OC: 1:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:20-4:20-8:00-10:15

Angelika Pop-Up at Union Market
550 Penn Street NE - Unit E
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:45-7:00
Hypnotic (R) OC: 7:30; 3:15-5:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 2:30-4:50-7:15

Landmark Atlantic Plumbing Cinema
807 V Street Northwest
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-5:10-6:30-7:00-7:40-8:10
Hypnotic (R) 4:10-5:00-7:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 7:10; 4:50
Air (R) 3:50

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th Street Northwest
Goodfellas (R) 3:30-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:00-7:00
Beau Is Afraid (R) 3:15
Showing Up (R) 7:25
The Eight Mountains 3:25-7:25
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 7:30
BlackBerry (R) 3:00-7:30
Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie (R) 3:30-7:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:00
Air (R) 4:15

Regal Gallery Place
701 Seventh Street Northwest
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:50-6:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:00-12:30-1:00-2:30-3:30-4:00-4:30-6:00-7:00-7:30-8:00-9:30
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 9:20
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Fool's Paradise (R) 11:35-2:10-4:50-7:30-10:10
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 12:50-6:50-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 11:30-3:00-6:30-10:00
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Hypnotic (R) OC: 4:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:00-5:30-9:00
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) OC: 3:50

MARYLAND

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road
Shockproof (1949) (NR) 12:45
Suzhou River (Suzhou he) (NR) 2:30-9:10
Polite Society (PG-13) 11:45-4:20
BlackBerry (R) 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:15
R.M.N. 6:35
What's Love Got To Do With It? (PG-13) 2:00
42nd Street (1933) (NR) 4:30
Invaders from Mars (1953) (NR) 9:45

AMC Academy 8
6198 Greenbelt Road
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:10-7:15
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:45-4:30-7:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:10
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:10
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-7:00

AMC Annapolis Mall 11
1020 Annapolis Mall Road
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 11:00-12:00-2:30-3:30-6:00-7:00-9:20-10:20
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:20-2:45-5:10-7:30-10:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 11:20-12:40-1:50-3:00-4:20-5:20-6:45-9:05
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:40-4:15-6:55-9:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 11:00-7:50
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:50-3:20-5:45-8:10-10:35
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 10:25
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 11:05-2:00-4:50-7:40-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:35-5:00-8:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 11:00-1:30-4:05-6:40-9:15

AMC Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd.
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 1:10-4:10-6:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:30-7:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:00-4:40-7:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 1:45-4:00-7:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:20-4:50-7:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:15-6:50

AMC Columbia 14
10300 Little Patuxent Parkway
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:45-4:45-8:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:30-7:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 3:40-8:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 3:00-5:45-8:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 2:50-5:50-8:50
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 3:55-6:25-8:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 2:00-9:00
Air (R) CC: 7:35
Sisu (R) CC: 2:00-9:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 2:25
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 4:30-6:30
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 5:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 4:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) OC: 6:10
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 5:05

AMC DINE-IN Rio Cinemas 18
9811 Washingtonian Center
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:10-5:45-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:30-4:30-5:00-8:00-8:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:00-6:45-9:30
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:45-4:20-7:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:30-4:15-6:45-9:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 12:00-7:00-10:30
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 12:00-4:30-9:15
Air (R) CC: 12:00-2:45
Sisu (R) CC: 10:15
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 6:50-9:45
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 2:00-6:00-9:45
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 10:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 12:15-5:15-7:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 3:30
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 12:45-6:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:40-10:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:30-9:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 1:00
Hypnotic (R) OC: 10:15
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 2:45
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) OC: 3:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 7:30

AMC Loews St. Charles Town Ctr. 9
11115 Mall Circle
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Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15
Sisu (R) CC: 1:45-7:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 7:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:00-6:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:00-5:00-8:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-5:20-8:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 3:00-5:30-8:00
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:10
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 7:15
The Pope's Exorcist (R) CC: 4:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:30-5:45-8:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 7:45
Rally Road Racers (PG) 2:15-4:45
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 5:15
Nefarious (R) CC: 2:45-8:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 3:45-6:15-8:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:15
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 4:45-8:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:15-8:15

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7101 Democracy Boulevard
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 12:10-7:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:00-1:30-2:30-3:30-5:00-6:00-7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:15-2:45-4:00-5:15-6:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 12:45-3:30-6:10
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 2:00-4:45-7:30
Flash Over (Jing tian jiu yuan) 8:55
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:15-4:40-7:15
Air (R) CC: 1:45-7:30
Sisu (R) CC: 8:50
Rally Road Racers (PG) 12:05-4:55
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:00
BlackBerry (R) CC: 1:45-4:45-7:45
Born to Fly 1:00-6:00
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) OC: 8:30

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7000 Arundel Mills Circle
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 10:00-1:10-4:20-7:30-10:50
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:10-2:55-6:40-10:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 12:00-7:00-10:30; 10:30-2:00-5:30-9:00; 10:30-2:00-5:30-9:00; 12:25-3:55-7:25-10:55; 10:00-10:15-11:05-12:45-1:30-1:45-2:35-4:15-5:15-6:05-7:50-8:30-8:45-9:35
Hypnotic (R) 10:45-1:15-3:45-7:15-9:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 10:05-10:25-11:00-12:05-12:55-1:35-2:40-3:25-4:05-5:10-6:45-7:40-9:20-10:10
Love Again (PG-13) 10:10-12:50-3:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 10:40-1:25-4:10-6:55-9:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:15-2:50-5:25-8:00-10:40
Sisu (R) 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:55
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) XD: 3:30; 11:35-3:05-5:00-6:35-10:05
The Fate of the Furious (PG-13) 7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) XD: 12:00-7:00-10:30
Rally Road Racers (PG) 10:35-1:20-3:50
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 10:50
BlackBerry (R) 10:50-1:45-4:40-7:35-10:35
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 10:20AM
Air (R) 10:45-1:35-4:25
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 6:45-10:35
Custody (Telugu) 2:25-10:30
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 10:40
Fool's Paradise (R) 10:55-1:35-4:15-6:50-9:25
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) XD: 3:30
Music School (Hindi) 9:15
IB 71 6:15

Cinépolis Gaithersburg
629 Center Point Way
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-5:00-8:00-9:00
Hypnotic (R) 3:20-6:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 4:20-7:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 5:40-8:40
Love Again (PG-13) 5:20-8:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:40-6:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 4:40-7:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:00-7:00

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7235 Woodmont Avenue
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 4:00-6:30-7:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:10-5:15-7:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 3:45-6:30
Chevalier (PG-13) 6:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 4:15-7:15
Air (R) 4:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:45-6:30

Landmark at Annapolis Harbour Center
2474 Solomons Island Road Unit H-1
Goodfellas (R) 1:00-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-1:40-3:30-4:15-7:10-7:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:30-4:00-7:20
Love Again (PG-13) 1:15-4:50-6:00
Air (R) 4:10
Hypnotic (R) 1:45-4:20-7:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:10-2:00-3:40-4:30-6:05-7:00
Rally Road Racers (PG) 1:05-3:45-7:05

Old Greenbelt Theatre
129 Centerway
Polite Society (PG-13) 8:00
Showing Up (R) 5:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 7:45

Phoenix Theatres Marlow 6
3899 Branch Avenue
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-6:00-7:00-9:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:00-2:35-3:05-6:05-7:15-9:35
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 12:40-3:35-6:35-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) 12:05-5:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 3:30

Regal Cinemas Majestic Stadium 20 & IMAX
900 Ellsworth Drive
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 4:50-8:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:50-6:05
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:00-12:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-6:15-7:00-7:30-8:00-8:30-9:45
Hypnotic (R) 1:20-4:00-6:40-9:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:45-12:45-2:20-3:20-7:20-9:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 1:10-4:00-6:50-9:40
Love Again (PG-13) 3:30-6:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:00-4:05-7:10-10:00
Rally Road Racers (PG) 11:40-2:20
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 8:55
BlackBerry (R) 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 1:15-3:45-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 11:30-6:30-10:00
Sisu (R) 3:35-9:55
Custody (Telugu) 3:00-10:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 12:15
Fool's Paradise (R) 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:40
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-6:00-9:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 3:00
Custody (Tamil) 11:35-6:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 4:50

Regal Germantown
20000 Century Boulevard
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 1:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 1:00-2:40-3:30-4:20-6:10-7:00-7:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 1:30-2:20-7:10
Hypnotic (R) 2:30-5:00-7:20
Beau Is Afraid (R) 6:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 1:00-3:40
Love Again (PG-13) 4:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-6:40
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 7:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 3:00-5:30-8:00
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 12:45-4:20-8:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 1:10
Fool's Paradise (R) 4:10-6:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 1:30-4:50-8:20
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 4:40

Regal Hyattsville Royale
6505 America Blvd.
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 12:15
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:20-4:20-8:30-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:00-12:30-1:00-1:30-2:00-3:30-4:00-4:30-5:00-6:00-6:55-7:25-8:00-9:00-9:30
Hypnotic (R) 12:20-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:10
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:40-3:10-9:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Love Again (PG-13) 1:20-4:40-7:20
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:10-3:00-5:50-8:40
Suzume (PG) 10:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) 3:40-7:10-9:40
Fool's Paradise (R) 12:45-3:50-6:40-9:45
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 6:20

Regal Laurel Towne Centre
14716 Baltimore Avenue
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:30-3:00-6:50
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 11:50-12:15-2:20-4:55-7:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:40-12:10-1:10-1:40-2:40-3:15-3:40-4:40-5:10-6:10-6:40-7:10-8:10-8:40
Hypnotic (R) 11:20-2:00-4:40-7:20
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:00-2:50
Love Again (PG-13) 4:00-6:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:30-3:20-6:15
The Pope's Exorcist (R) 9:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 12:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 12:40-4:10-7:40
The Way (PG-13) 7:00

Regal Rockville Center
199 East Montgomery Avenue
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:30-6:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-12:00-12:40-1:20-2:40-3:40-5:00-7:10-8:20
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Air (R) 5:20-8:10
Fool's Paradise (R) 1:40-4:30-7:10
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:00-5:40
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Regal UA Snowden Square
9161 Commerce Center Drive
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 4:00-7:20
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:10-3:40-7:10
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Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:40-3:10-4:10-6:20-6:40-7:40-8:10

Regal Waugh Chapel & IMAX
1419 South Main Chapel Way
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 11:50-3:40-5:10-9:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:00-12:00-12:30-2:00-3:30-5:30-6:00-7:00-7:30-9:00-9:30
Hypnotic (R) 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:40-10:10
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Love Again (PG-13) 4:20-10:10
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:10-2:40-7:30-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 11:30-6:30-10:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 11:00AM
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 3:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:30-4:00
The Way (PG-13) 7:00

Regal Westview & IMAX
5243 Buckeystown Pike
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 12:10-4:10-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:30-1:00-2:20-4:00-4:40-6:00-7:30-8:10
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:00-2:30-7:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) 12:20-3:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) 5:20-8:40
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 11:50-3:10-6:40
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) 1:40
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) OC: 5:10

Xscape Theatres Brandywine 14
7710 Matapeake Business Drive
The Wizard of Oz (1939) (PG) 1:00-4:00-7:00
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 2:15-6:15-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 11:20-12:20-12:50-2:40-3:40-4:10-6:00-7:00-7:30-9:20
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The Pope's Exorcist (R) 10:05-3:55-9:55
Rally Road Racers (PG) 11:05-1:35-4:25
Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:50-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:00
Air (R) 11:35AM
Custody (Telugu) 12:35-6:25
Big George Foreman (PG-13) 6:55-9:55
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00-1:20-4:40-8:00

iPic Pike & Rose
11830 Grand Park Avenue
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) 3:45-6:45-10:15
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 3:30-6:15-9:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:30-3:15-3:45-4:15-6:30-7:00-8:00-10:15-10:45
Hypnotic (R) (!) 4:00-7:45-10:30
Evil Dead Rise (R) 7:30-10:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) (!) 3:00-6:00-9:15

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:40-7:00
Hypnotic (R) CC: 12:40-3:20-5:50-8:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:35
Air (R) CC: 1:50-4:30-7:10
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 1:30-4:25-7:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 1:00-4:20-7:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd.
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 3:15-6:30-9:45
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 3:00-7:45-9:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:30-6:00-9:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 3:45-6:30-9:15
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Polite Society (PG-13) CC: 4:45
Renfield (R) CC: 6:45
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 3:45-9:45
Chevalier (PG-13) CC: 2:30-5:30
The Pope's Exorcist (R) CC: 2:00
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:15-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: The IMAX 2D Experience (PG-13) CC: 7:00
Rally Road Racers (PG) 2:30
Air (R) CC: 4:45
BlackBerry (R) CC: 4:00-7:00-10:00
Sisu (R) CC: 2:15-7:30-10:00
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) CC: 4:00-7:00-10:00
Big George Foreman (PG-13) CC: 3:30
Nefarious (R) CC: 3:30-6:15-9:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 8:15
Fool's Paradise (R) CC: 2:15-4:45-7:30-10:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 5:00-8:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 3:30
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:30-9:30
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:00-4:00-6:30-7:30-10:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 3:45-6:30-9:15

AMC Potomac Mills 18
2700 Potomac Mills Circle
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 4:40-10:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:20-6:10-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:30-10:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:10-7:45
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 9:30
Rally Road Racers (PG) 5:50
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 2:50-5:15-7:45-10:20
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Custody (Telugu) 6:20-9:50
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Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) CC: 2:45-6:00-9:15
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Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 2:15-5:00-7:40-10:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 2:00-2:30-5:30-6:00-9:00-9:30

AMC Shirlington 7
2772 South Randolph St.
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 12:50-4:10-7:30
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 12:00-12:50-3:10-5:40-8:00
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 2:20-5:00-7:40
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 12:20-3:00-5:35-8:15
Air (R) CC: 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:10
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 12:00-3:20-6:40
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 12:05-2:40-5:20-8:00

AMC Tysons Corner 16
7850e Tysons Corner Center
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) CC: 2:55-6:05-9:20
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 2:15-6:00-9:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 1:55-5:30-9:05
Hypnotic (R) CC: 1:30-4:05-6:30-9:10
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 2:25-5:00-7:30-9:55
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 12:50-8:15
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 1:40-4:20
Suzume (PG) 6:15-9:15
Evil Dead Rise (R) CC: 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:30
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The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) CC: 1:20-3:50
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 2:40-6:20
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG-13) CC: 4:30
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 1:10-3:55-9:25
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 3:35-7:10-10:00
Fool's Paradise (R) OC: 9:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 6:40

AMC Worldgate 9
13025 Worldgate Drive
John Wick: Chapter 4 (R) CC: 5:00-7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) CC: 4:00-7:30
Hypnotic (R) CC: 4:30-8:30-9:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) CC: 4:15-6:45
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) CC: 5:30-8:15
Love Again (PG-13) CC: 5:15-8:45
Ponniyin Selvan - Part Two (Tamil) 4:45-8:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) CC: 3:00-6:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) CC: 3:30-6:15-9:00

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema - One Loudoun
20575 East Hampton Plaza
WarGames (PG) 7:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 3:10-7:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 9:30; 12:00-12:45
Evil Dead Rise (R) 4:45-10:30
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:15-4:15-6:00-8:00-9:45; 11:20AM
Hypnotic (R) 10:45
Still: A Michael J. Fox Movie (R) 7:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 3:30-6:45-9:45
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 9:15
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 12:15
BlackBerry (R) 3:30-6:30-9:45
Hypnotic (R) 11:30AM
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 2:00-3:00-3:45-6:40
BlackBerry (R) 12:15
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:30
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 4:00-6:15-10:20; 11:00-1:00

Angelika Film Center Mosaic
2911 District Ave
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 12:30-1:30-3:45-4:45-7:00-8:00
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 12:45-3:00-5:20-7:30
The Eight Mountains 1:45-4:50-8:05
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) OC: 2:35
Air (R) 4:30-7:10
Carmen (R) 1:40
Knights of the Zodiac (PG-13) 1:50-4:35-7:15
Hypnotic (R) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 12:00-5:05-7:25

CMX Village 14
1600 Village Market Boulevard
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (PG-13) 2:15-3:30-4:00-4:30-7:00-7:30-8:00
Hypnotic (R) 2:05-4:45-7:20
The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG) 2:00-3:20-6:30
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 2:20-5:05-7:55
Love Again (PG-13) 3:05-6:00
Rally Road Racers (PG) 2:40
Evil Dead Rise (R) 2:25-5:00-7:40
Air (R) 5:15-8:05
Guy Ritchie's The Covenant (R) 7:10
The Super Mario Bros. Movie 3D (PG) 4:35
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 2:45-6:15
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 3:50-6:45

Cinema Arts Theatre
9650 Unit 14 Main St.
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13) 9:50-12:25-2:45-4:55-7:20
Somewhere in Queens (R) 10:00-12:15-2:25-4:40-7:15
The Eight Mountains 10:05-1:00-7:00
Book Club: The Next Chapter (PG-13) 9:40-12:00-2:30-5:00-7:30
The Lost King (PG-13) 9:45-12:10-4:00
BlackBerry (R) 9:45-12:05-2:35-5:05-7:40
Air (R) 2:30-4:50

Cinemark Centreville 12
6201 Multiplex Drive
The Fate of the Furious (PG-13) 7:30
Hypnotic (R) 4:55-10:25
The Kerala Story (Hindi) 3:45
Air (R) 10:10-2:05
Custody (Telugu) 12:15-8:55
The Way (PG-13) 7:00
Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 3D (PG-13) 10:00-1:30-5:00-8:30
Music School (Hindi) 5:35
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Evil Dead Rise (R) 11:25-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:25

Cinemark Fairfax Corner and XD
11900 Palace Way
The Fate of the Furious (PG-13) 7:30
Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13) 12:45-6:55
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Medal of Honor Theater - NMMC
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
We, the Marines (NR) 10:00-11:00-12:30-1:30-2:20-3:10-4:00

Regal Ballston Quarter
671 North Glebe Road
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Regal Dulles Town Center
21100 Dulles Town Circle
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Regal Fox & IMAX
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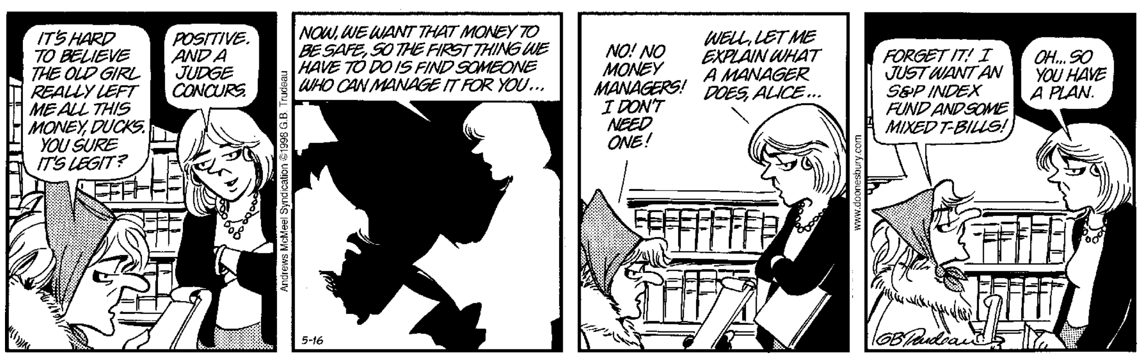
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Smithsonian - Airbus IMAX Theater
14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway
Journey to Space (NR) 10:55-1:05-3:50-5:00
Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas 12:25-4:25
To Fly! (1976) (NR) 10:15-1:45-3:15
Blue Planet (Il pianeta azzurro) (NR) 11:30AM
The Dream is Alive (NR) 2:25

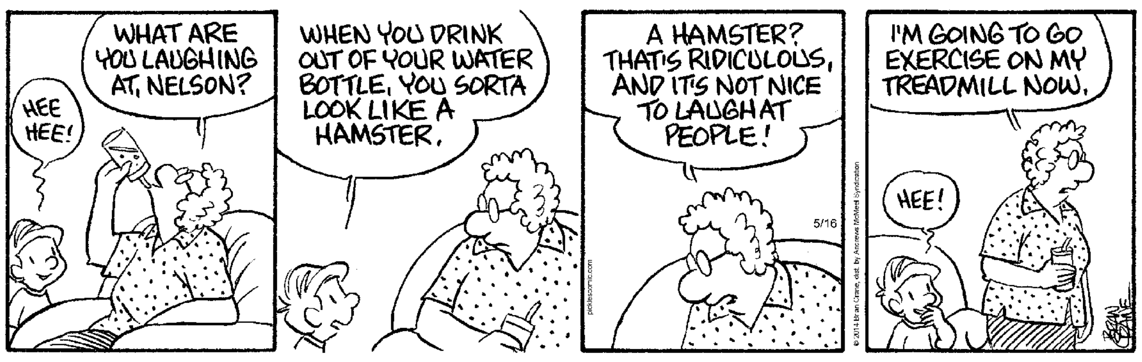
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PICKLES BRIAN CRANE



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH (D)
♠ A 10 7 4
♥ K J
♦ K Q
♣ A K 7 6 2

WEST
♠ K 6 2
♥ Q 7 6 2
♦ J 8 7 6
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ 5
♥ A 10 9 5 3
♦ 10 9 4
♣ Q J 10 5

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 8 3
♥ 8 4
♦ A 5 3 2
♣ 9 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♥ 2

"No way I would ever get a good result on that deal," Cy the Cynic told me. We were reviewing the deals after a duplicate.

Cy's least favorite holding is a doubleton K-Q. It reminds him of marriage, an institution he distrusts. When Cy beholds a "marriage" in his own hand or dummy, he says it portends disaster.

Cy was declarer at a routine four spades, and West led the deuce of hearts. The Cynic played the jack from dummy, and East took the ace and led the 10 of diamonds. Cy cashed the king and queen, then took the A-K of clubs and ruffed a club, hoping to reach his hand for a trump finesse.

West overruffed with the king, and Cy's matchpoint score for plus 650 was poor. Most Souths were plus 680.

"As expected," Cy growled.

Cy must win the first diamond with the ace. He picks up the trumps, takes the top clubs, ruffs a club, goes to a high diamond in dummy and ruffs a club. He can ruff a diamond in dummy and pitch his last diamond on the good fifth club.

DAILY QUESTION

You hold:
♠ Q J 9 8 3 ♥ 8 4
♦ A 5 3 2 ♣ 9 4

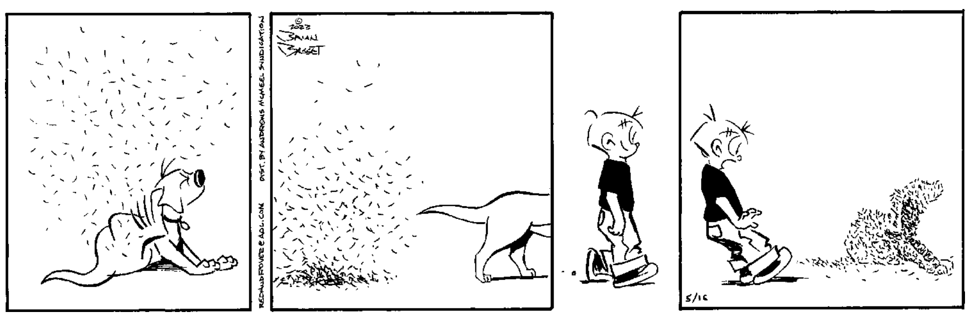
The dealer, at your left, opens one diamond. Your partner doubles, and the next player bids two diamonds. What do you say?

ANSWER: Partner will usually have support for the unbid suits. If his hand is short in diamonds, as the auction suggests, and your hands fit well, you can make game with fewer than 26 points. Bid at least three spades to invite. I would rather bid four than two.

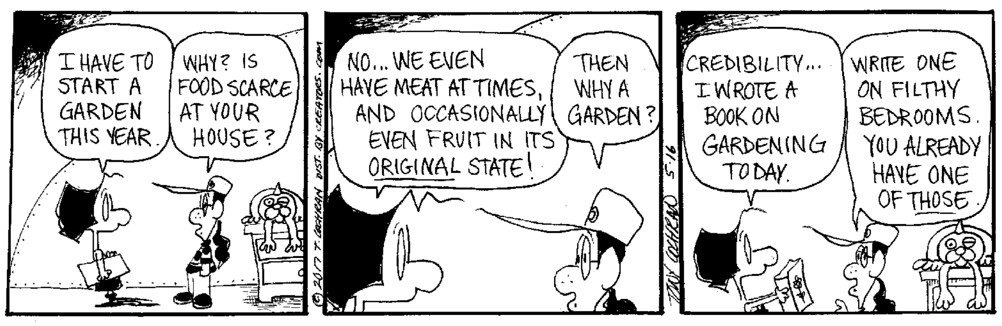
— Frank Stewart

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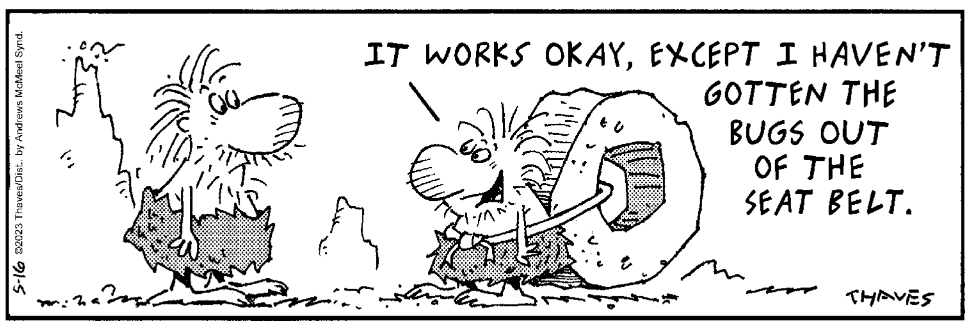
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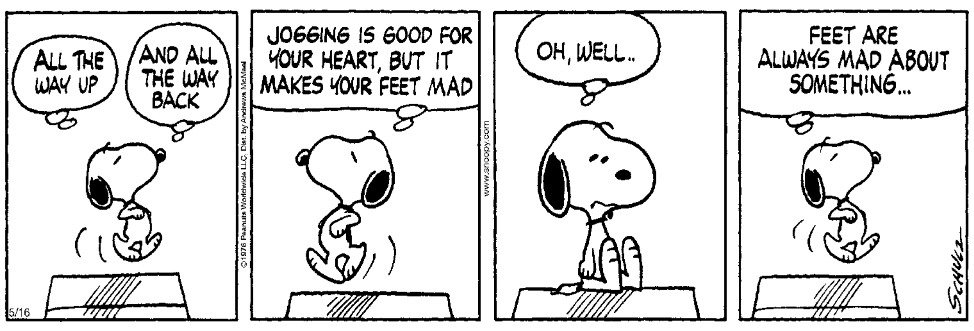
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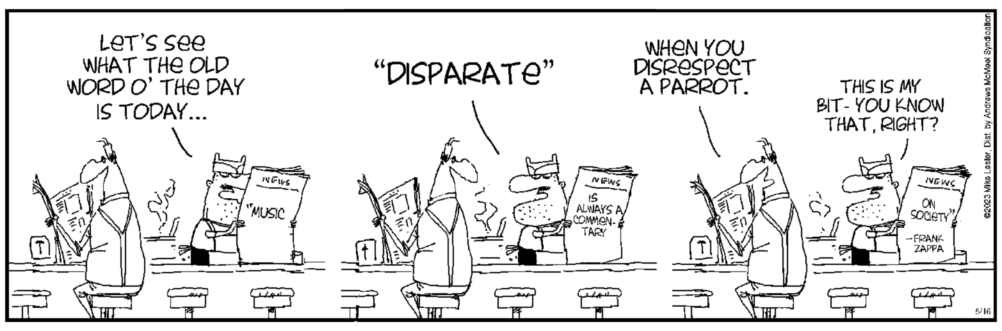
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CLASSIC PEANUTS CHARLES SCHULZ



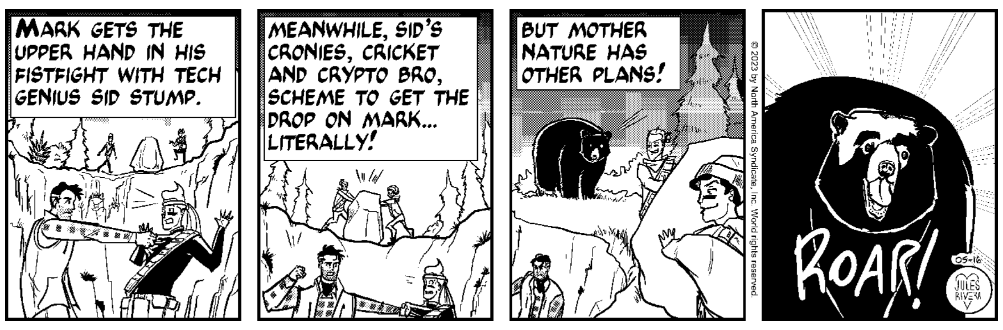
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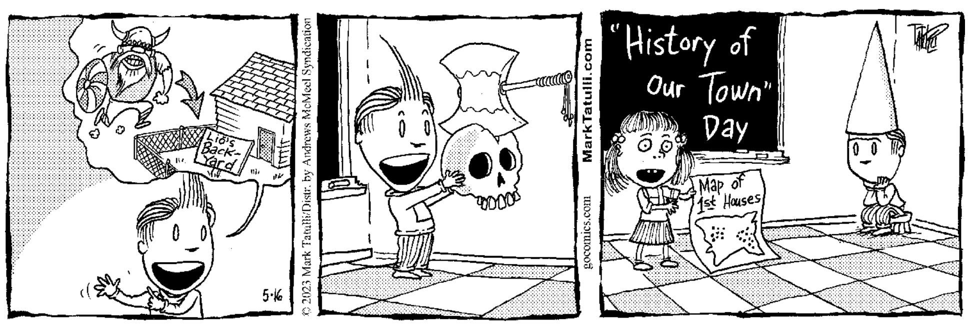
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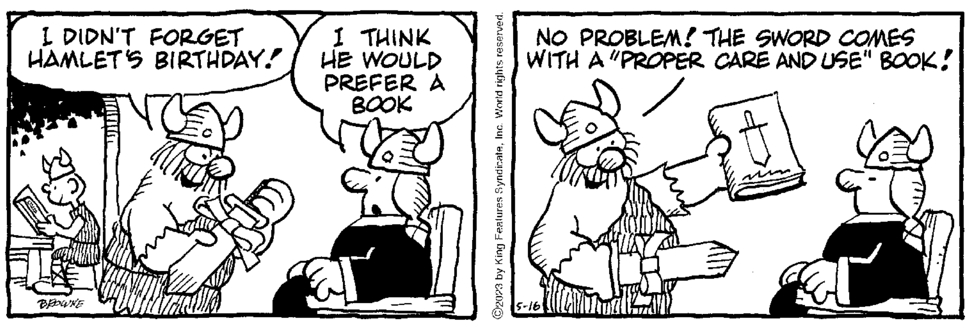
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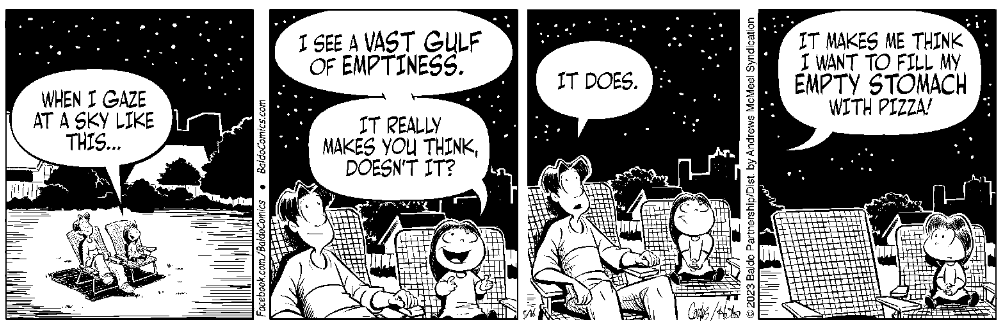
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM MIKE PETERS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE CHRIS BROWNE



BALDO HECTOR CANTU & CARLOS CASTELLANOS



BLONDIE DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL



SALLY FORTH FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

		9		1	4		3	
	1			3		2		4
3				9		1		
	6	3	1			7		2
				6				
7		8			5	4	6	
		5		7				9
8		1		5			4	
	3		2	4		8		

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

SCRABBLE GRAMS

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RACK 1: A1 E1 U1 M3 N1 D2 G2 — Double Word Score

RACK 2: E1 E1 O1 B3 L1 N1 N1 — 1st Letter Triple

RACK 3: A1 I1 O1 O1 N1 R1 T1

RACK 4: A1 E1 I1 I1 M3 G2 P3

PAR SCORE 140-150
BEST SCORE 201

FOUR RACK TOTAL ____
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition. **SOLUTION TOMORROW**

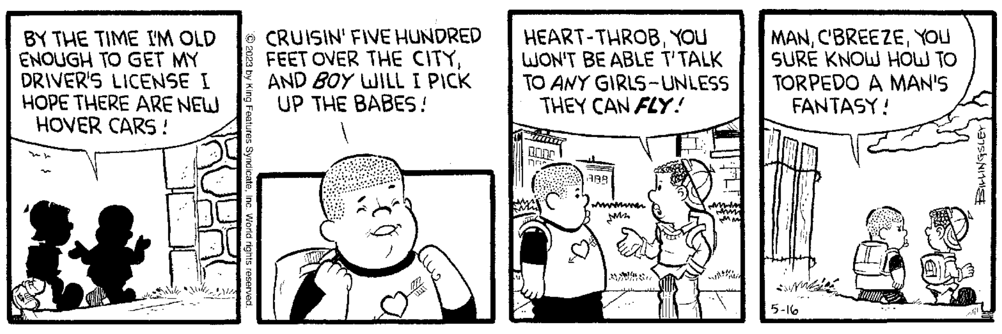
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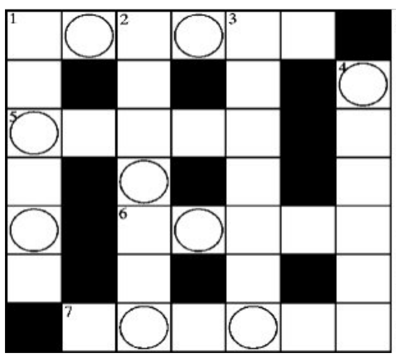
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON JIM TOOMEY



CURTIS RAY BILLINGSLEY





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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Whirlpool	RTXVOE
5. ____ inning	HITNN
6. Mature ____	UTADL
7. Ice ____	ETKSAR

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Seller, peddler	DOERVN
2. Comb, gut, scour	NKRCSAA
3. Consume, use up	EUXHTAS
4. Sweet liquid	RCANET

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS

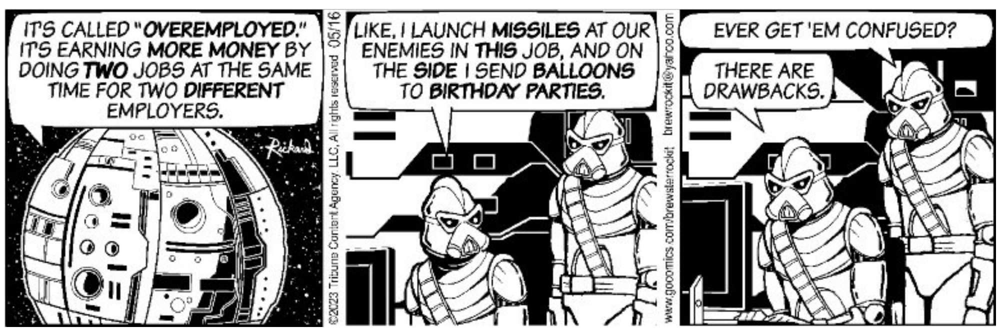
CLUE: While serving in the Army, he became a ventriloquist as part of a GI variety show called "Stars and Gripes."

ANSWERS: 1A-Vortex
5A-Ninth 6A-Adult 7A-Skater
1D-Vendor 2D-Ransack 3D-Exhaust
4D-Nectar B-Don Knotts

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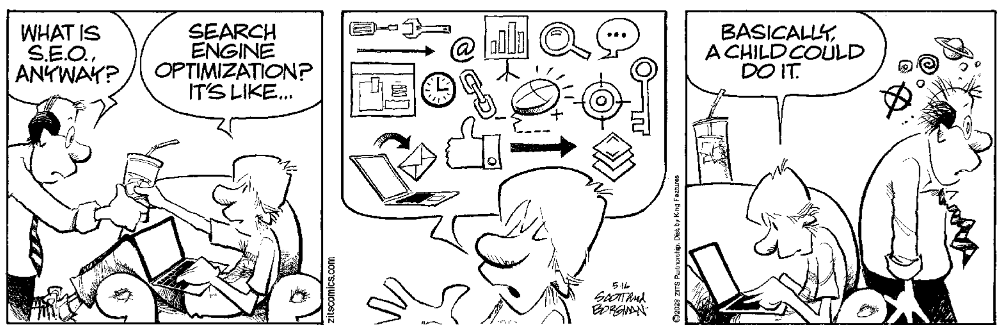
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MUTTS PATRICK McDONNELL



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HEART OF THE CITY STEENZ



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FRAZZ JEF MALLETT



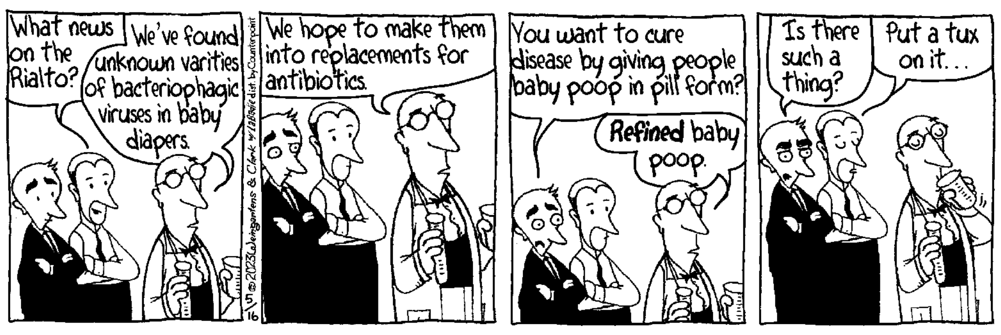
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GARFIELD JIM DAVIS



BARNEY AND CLYDE WEINGARTENS & CLARK



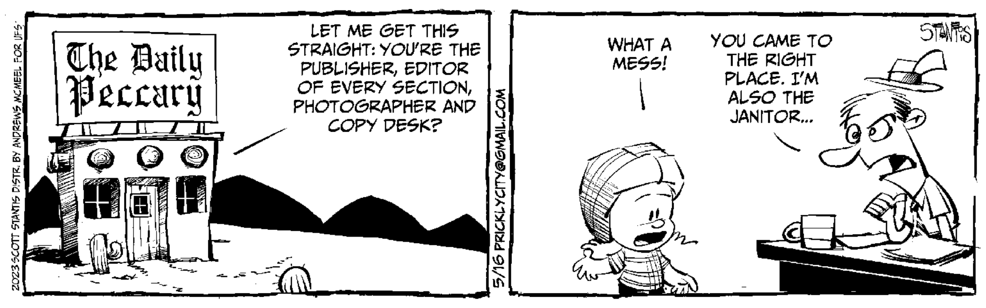
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN STAN LEE & ALEX SAVIUK



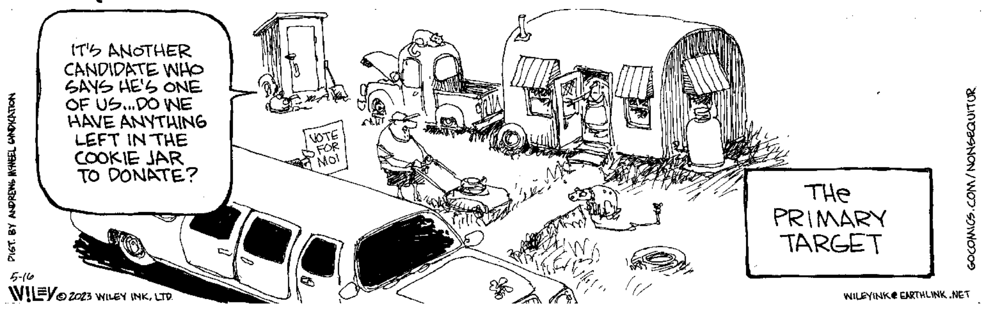
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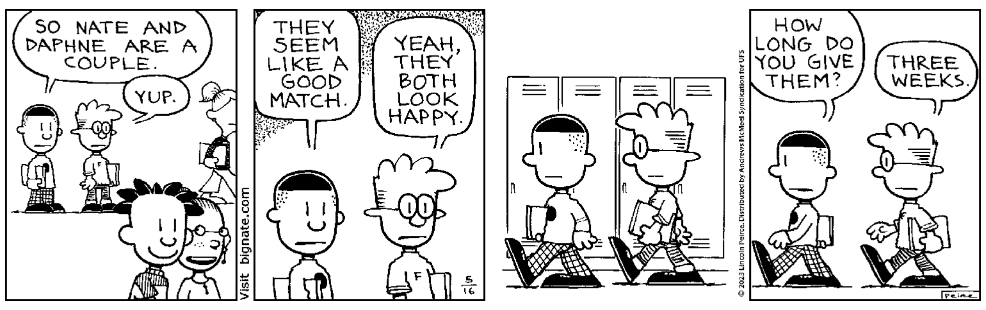
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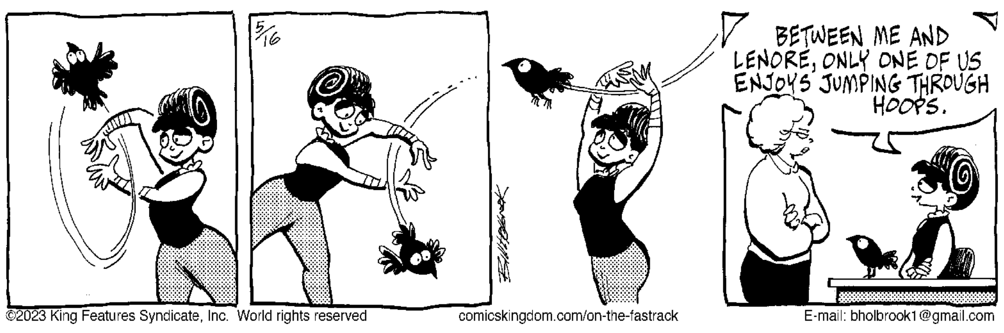
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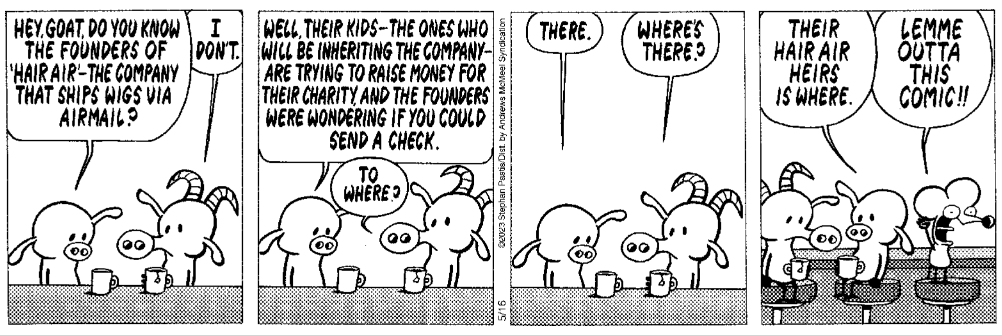
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You are charming, intelligent and excited about life. You also have creative talents. This year is the beginning of a new cycle for you, which means you can expect new beginnings and new adventures. You might take on a leadership role. Be open to new opportunities.

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Aries.

ARIES
(MARCH 21-APRIL 19).
Your ability to boost your income will increase in the next 24 months. (You can take that to the bank.) Even though Mercury retrograde might delay current financial matters (checks in the mail are late, etc.), your future's looking good!

TAURUS
(APRIL 20-MAY 20).
Lucky Jupiter is entering your sign, where it will stay for the next year, bringing you divine protection and boosting your good fortune. This is something that happens only once every 12 years, and when it does, it will grow your confidence and give you an increased sense of poise.

GEMINI
(MAY 21-JUNE 20).
For the next 12 to 24 months, your interest in spiritual matters and your personal beliefs will become stronger. You will have an increased capacity to learn more about these dimensions of your life.

CANCER
(JUNE 21-JULY 22).
Your popularity is going to increase in the next year (or longer), because your interactions with friends will become more enjoyable and stimulating. In addition, many of you will become more involved with clubs, groups and professional organizations.

LEO
(JULY 23-AUG. 22).
Once every 12 years, lucky Jupiter travels across the top of your chart, and today that journey begins. It will last from 12 to 24 months, and it will definitely boost your reputation in the eyes of others.

VIRGO
(AUG. 23-SEPT. 22).
Your desire to expand your world will be strong in the next year. Grab every opportunity to travel and see new places. However, you will also be thrilled to study more and learn new things.

LIBRA
(SEPT. 23-OCT. 22).
In the next 24 months, you will have a wonderful window that will benefit you financially. You might inherit. Your partner might get a bonus or enjoy increased earnings. This will be an excellent time to ask for a mortgage or loan, because you will benefit from the wealth and resources of others.

SCORPIO
(OCT. 23-NOV. 21).
In the next two years (depending on whether you are an early or late Scorpio), your closest relationships will improve. In fact, this will be a wonderful time to get married.

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV. 22-DEC. 21).
For the next 12 to 24 months, you have fabulous opportunities to improve your job and your health. Look for ways to build your physical strength and vitality. And likewise, if you cannot see ways to improve your job, then look around, because you can get a better job.

CAPRICORN
(DEC. 22-JAN. 19).
Start to plan fun vacations for the next few years. Opportunities to do so will abound. In this same window of time, you might encounter a new romance.

AQUARIUS
(JAN. 20-FEB. 18).
Everything to do with home and family will get a wonderful blessing in the next 12 to 18 months (depending on if you're an early or late Aquarius). Expect to improve or expand your home. Or you might move.

PISCES
(FEB. 19-MARCH 20).
Your ability to be optimistic, travel and learn new things will grow in the next year (and longer). Communications with others will improve. Your plans for the future will be larger and more expansive.

— Georgia Nicols

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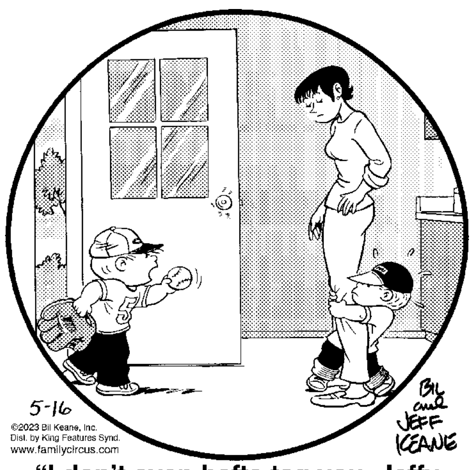
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"I'LL BET THESE DAYS TURN OUT TO BE THE *BEST YEARS* OF OUR LIVES!"

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"I don't even hafta tag you, Jeffy. You're out for goin' out of the baseline."

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Sharing their kids' illnesses in hopes of enlightening

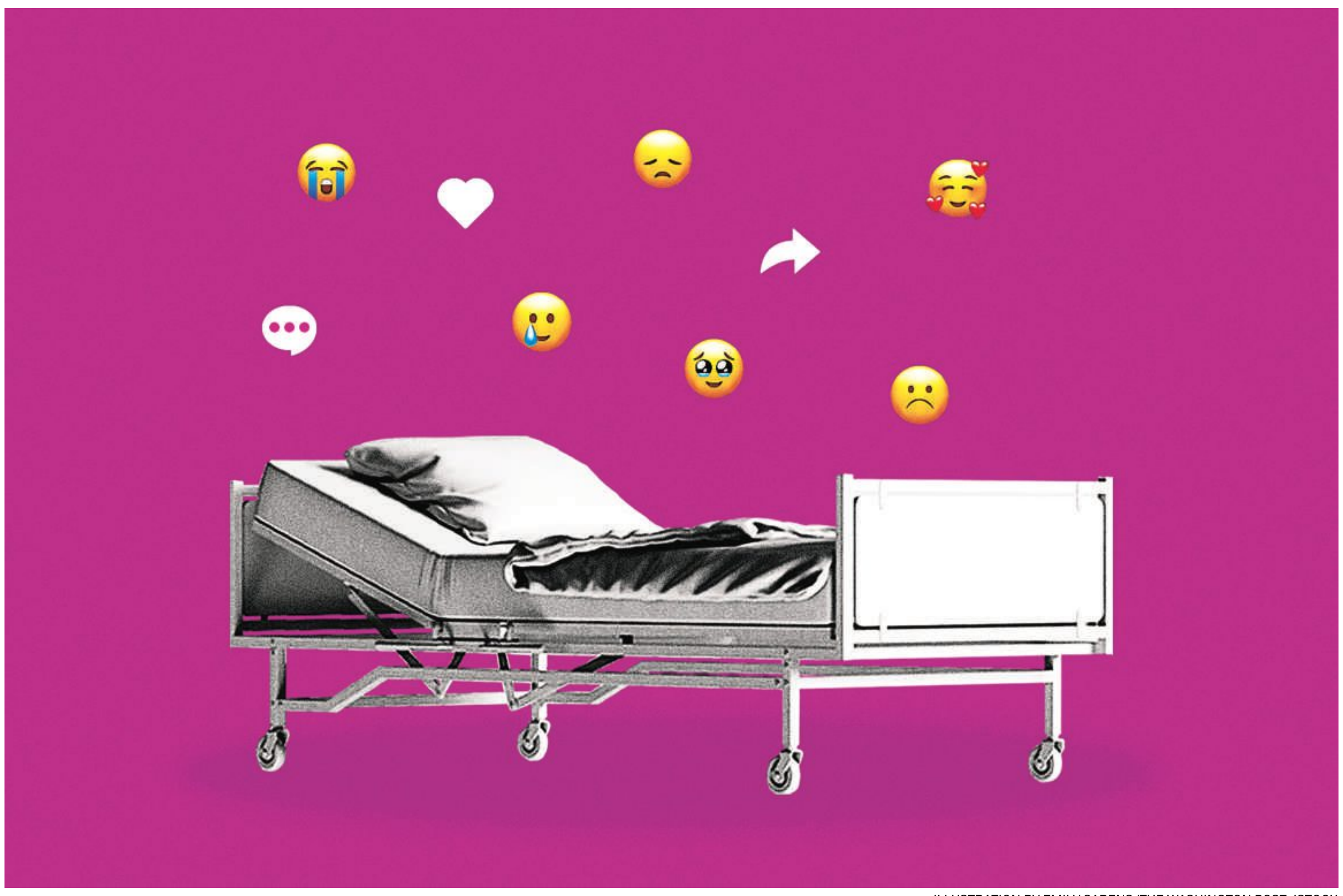


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ducing legislation to protect influencer kids and pushing against the monetization of child-focused content. And critics say issues of child privacy, consent and autonomy are especially pronounced when publicizing medical conditions.

Thomson, 40, and Bella, 9, live in Canada, where they don't have access to the TikTok creator fund, which pays creators for views. Instead, Thomson monetizes her account by posting branded partnerships (such as with the National Hockey League) and through merchandise that features the BElla BRAVE logo. Thomson said Bella is now at the age where they discuss what they're posting on social media and what will come from branded posts. (Canada, like the United States, doesn't have laws protecting the earnings of child influencers.)

Thomson said she asks Bella's permission before she takes a photo or video. "Bella and I have a discussion around, 'Okay, this is going to go into your savings for university' or 'This is going to help with your medical trip,'" Thomson said. "She's nine. She completely understands that."

Although Thomson and Bella are famous on TikTok for their lighthearted takes on trends and their dance moves, interspersed are more serious videos like one detailing a canceled bowel transplant. Bella is shown with a look of joy on her face, with Thomson grinning in the background. In the next video, Thomson talks to Bella about the canceled transplant, with Bella saying the plane ride to the hospital made her feel tired and she wasn't worried about surgery at all because "it's just like every other surgery I've ever had — sleeping medicine [then] nothing" and pretending to fall asleep.

In sharing Bella's story, Thomson said she hopes to raise awareness about Bella's diseases while protecting her daughter in the real world. "I really wanted to protect her by sharing online so that people could understand her story before they met her," Thomson said. "And then she wouldn't be faced with so many questions." Thomson doesn't worry that Bella will get to the age where she resents her medical history being detailed online. "[People] are going to look at that and be like 'Wow, you're so tough. You've conquered some mountains.'"

Where some parents see empowerment in sharing, some creators see exploitation. Cam, a chronically ill TikTok creator who goes by softscorpio, knows what it's like for medical information to be posted online by a parent. Cam, who spoke on the condition she be identified by her first name to guard her privacy and testified in February in support of a Washington state bill to grant more protections to children of influencers, said her mother used to post constantly to her thousands of Facebook followers, including photos of Cam in a neck brace immediately following a car accident and descriptions of her preparation for an upcoming colonoscopy — detailed posts that Cam thinks were invasive and disturbing.

Part of parents' disconnect, Cam thinks, might be because able-bodied parents aren't living the experience of a disabled or chronically ill person, but witnessing it. And although she understands the need to raise awareness, she balks at the idea that a child should be used for it.

"I don't feel as though you need to be posting your child in their most vulnerable moments," she said. Instead, parents could share facts about the symptoms and prevalence of a disease, leaving photos and videos of their children out of it.

Katriel Nopoulos, a 34-year-old disabled content creator with 118,000 TikTok followers who communicated with sign language interpreted by their partner, said the awareness that may come from these TikTok accounts is not worth the price: privacy of the disabled child. "As a child who was disabled, I was always acted on," Nopoulos said. "My body was always acted on by adults. And these influencers … are acting on their children." (Several creators declined to speak on the record for this story, citing recent controversies around influencer parents and child privacy and questioning whether their efforts and platforms would be maligned.)

The popularity of these videos reminds Nopoulos of the history of 19th-century freak shows, when able-bodied people paid to gape at disabled people pushed into making a living as circus acts.

A better tactic, Nopoulos said, would be to share disabled creators' content. "Every time a parent has that impulse to post about their child's disability, I would ask them to go find a disabled creator with that disability and amplify their voice instead," they said. "Focus on advocacy more than awareness."

Caitlin Nichols shares videos of her 5-year-old triplet daughters to 792,000 TikTok followers. Nichols posts from the hospital at 2:30 in the morning, where she holds one of her daughters and talks about missing the other two. She shares videos of the girls practicing gymnastics and photos of when they were born prematurely. One video features her daughter sleeping in a hospital bed with a breathing mask on, overlaid with the words "I am so tired."

Sharing her daughters' medical journeys, Nichols said, is her way of making sure they don't feel less than. "I want them to stand strong and be proud of who they are," she said. "So I will never shy away, minimize, or hide anything they are dealing with. I would hope when they're older, they understand why I shared this, but it's not their job to understand."

If her daughters don't see her sharing the way she does — as a way of taking back the narrative of disability — Nichols said she will delete anything they want deleted.

Through her account, Nichols has formed a community of other parents of disabled and chronically ill children. "Just being able to find a community of understanding, … you can't be prepared to be the parent of a disabled child," Nichols said. And by sharing her daughters' journeys, she said her hope is to create a world that is less discriminatory toward disabled people and more understanding of the diseases that can complicate a life.

Annalise Caron, a clinical psychologist who runs an initiative dedicated to parenting, understands the instinct parents have to seek community.

"It can be a very lonely experience to be a parent of a chronically ill child," Caron said. "Parents find support online."

But two questions arise, Caron said, that are worth asking before sharing photos or videos of your child. First: what is the goal in sharing this? And second: how does my child feel now and how will they feel in the future?

"We could ask someone when they're six or eight, 'do you mind if I talk about your personal medical information?' They might say, sure," Caron said. "But maybe when they're 16 and they find out their parents have a huge following off them, they may not be as comfortable with that." Even if sharing a child's experience helps build community, Caron said, the child's privacy and personal feelings should always be considered first.

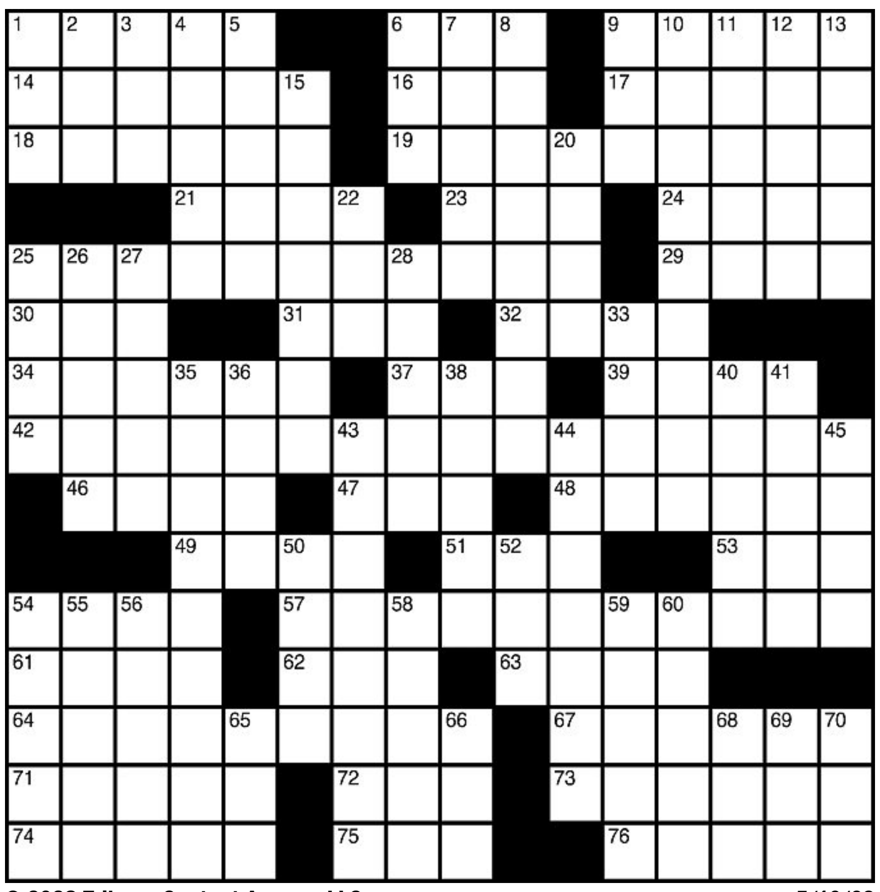
But parents will keep sharing — except, they say, when their kids ask them not to. Thomson said she remembers watching Bella dance once and telling her daughter how beautiful she is. Then she asked: can I share this? "And she [said] no, not right now. I was like, okay."

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By Doug Peterson

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NICK GALIFIANAKIS FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Grandparents pay for school. Do they get a say in location?



Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

Dear Carolyn: My husband and I both work in creative fields and have been through financially lean years for most of our marriage. We are very lucky; our parents, especially my in-laws, have helped us out a lot. My in-laws helped us get into our current home and have helped us make ends meet on a few occasions. It has been great and really helped us to focus on the quality of our work vs. scrambling to pay bills.

But it has become less comfortable since we had a child. There is no free public preschool where we live, and our options are all fairly pricey private ones. With my in-laws paying for school — and my parents chipping in — we have had to defer to their input on which schools and for how many hours, etc. It feels like having four to six parents making the decision instead of just us two. I kind of feel as if we can't let them pay for our kid's school but then tell them they get no say in the decision.

My husband feels the opposite. He thinks we choose the school, then send them the bill, and if they don't like it, then they let us know with enough notice to pull out before a deposit is due.

It's become so delicate, and I don't want my child to suffer. What is a general best paradigm for dealing with this stuff?

— Too Many Cooks

Too Many Cooks: Your husband's. Exactly. The grandparents can chip in money or not; that's the extent of their say. Your husband knows where the line is between your job as parents and their role as helpers.

If you're not confident that you can hold that line yourself, then let him be the spokesparent on your child's (and your marriage's) behalf, at least till you start to get the hang of your own authority.

Dear Carolyn: What is the appropriate response when a close friend tells you they're expecting a child they didn't really want but agreed to because their spouse wanted one? This is a friend of more than 20 years who already has two kids of the same sex and whose spouse wanted to try one more time. The new baby is also of the same sex, ironically.

My friend loves the baby already and will surely continue to be a great parent, but laying on the congratulations doesn't seem like the way to go, though neither does treating the new arrival like a tragedy.

— Anonymous

Anonymous: If you were the baby, how would you want your mom's friends to respond? Maybe not an easy answer, but something to keep in mind along the way, because the conditions most affect the one who didn't have any say in them.

By that measure, congratulations are exactly the way to go. Laying them on may not be the way to go, but it rarely is, anyway.

There's also room for the salty friend in just about any scenario. "You're out of your freaking mind, but I love you, and I already love this kid."

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With parity in playoffs, NBA enters a new era


Jerry Brewer

The NBA postseason, which progresses each spring alongside the capricious Stanley Cup playoffs, has always been the dependable tournament. Or the boring one. The drama of American pro basketball necessitates an obsession with stardom over the shock of unpredictability. It's the reality television of sporting competitions. For proof, look at all the Kardashians in the arena.

The game is starting to smash convention now, however. By NBA standards, this conference final round is buck wild. It is historic in its parity: A No. 7 seed in the West and a No. 8 seed in the East have advanced out of the play-in tournament, beating the past two champions along the way. During its 77 seasons, the league has seen random teams scatter surprise runs across all the rampant normative behavior. But until now, it hadn't watched two teams seeded this low tear through the same playoffs.

And they're not just any underdogs. In fact, we should ban all dark horse descriptions. The Los Angeles Lakers, with a 38-year-old LeBron James and a (somewhat) healthy Anthony Davis, have risen from the 43-39 seventh seed to legitimate title contenders. And the Miami Heat, which has become a model franchise with its iron-willed culture, is a 44-38 eighth seed led by the indomitable Jimmy Butler. Both teams have too much top-end talent and savvy to dismiss.

The Denver Nuggets, the top team in the West all season, are the lone No. 1 seed remaining. The Boston Celtics are a No. 2 seed that should be respected as a No. 1 because they have a lengthy playoff history despite their youth. But even though they made it to the Finals last season, the Celtics don't look like an overwhelming favorite, not after needing six games to discard the Atlanta Hawks in the first round and coming back from a 3-2 deficit to beat the Philadelphia 76ers in seven games.

In a league that flourishes by playing the hits, the NBA has found a different kind of familiarity this time. The conference finals might as well be dubbed Bubble Redux because Boston-Miami and Denver-Los Angeles hark back to the sport's oddly enthralling pandemic expedition to Disney World. But this is neither an old story with new packaging nor

SEE **BREWER** ON **D3**

Western Conference finals
L.A. Lakers at Denver (Game 1)
Today, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

Eastern Conference finals
Miami at Boston (Game 1)
Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., TNT


CHRIS UNGER FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Victor Wembanyama is sure to be taken No. 1 in the NBA draft. Tuesday's lottery will determine the lucky team that will get him.

WHO MOST NEEDS TO WIN WEMBANYAMA LOTTERY?

On the NBA
BEN GOLLIVER

CHICAGO — The identity of last year's top overall pick wasn't known until just minutes before Paolo Banchero stepped onto the Barclays Center stage in Brooklyn.

This time around, the uncertainty will end as soon as the draft order is set during the annual lottery drawing Tuesday in Chicago. Victor Wembanyama, the most coveted prospect since LeBron James, will be going first, and he isn't afraid to say it.

"Ten days before knowing my future team," the 7-foot-4 French phenom wrote on Twitter last week. "It's really a crazy thing."

Wembanyama ended the debates before they began with his spectacular showing in two exhibition games outside Las Vegas in October, and he has only strengthened his position by averaging 21.6 points, 10.5 rebounds and 3.1 blocks while leading Metropolitans 92 to one of the best records in France's top professional league. Calling the 19-year-old center a "unicorn" doesn't quite do him justice, which could help explain why Los Angeles Lakers star James dubbed him an "alien."

Wembanyama can nearly dunk without jumping, but he prefers to play on the perimeter, where he handles the ball like a guard and

SEE **ON THE NBA** ON **D2**

NBA draft lottery: Today, 8 p.m., ESPN | **Inside:** The Wizards have a 6.7 percent chance to land the No. 1 pick. **D2**

Morant can make poor choices all by himself


Candace Buckner

Ja Morant made yet another boneheaded decision, flashed a gun (again) and got slapped with a most laughable suspension by his team. Yet somehow, it was all his friend's fault.

The friend, Davonte Pack, went live Saturday on Instagram so he and a car full of grown men could stream their rap-a-long to the amusement of his followers. Morant was at the wheel, while the friend held up his phone from the passenger seat. Aside from the childish behavior they were exhibiting and the vulgar lyrics they were butchering, it appeared to be a light moment had by a couple of buddies. But Morant, the dynamic star of the Memphis Grizzlies, just had to show off his gun. Naturally, the blame fell on the one without the shoe and soft drink endorsements.

Because in a society that conflates money with merit, the multimillionaire in love with gunplay is allowed second, third and eighth chances. Thanks to a public relations machine that builds a sympathetic narrative — and a gullible audience willing to soak it up — he can be portrayed as a protagonist awaiting redemption. The people he chooses to occupy his world are cast as the toadies who should take the fall.

The friends are not afforded the same grace for being young and immature and needing to learn. They are viewed as the vices. The bad actors and evil influences who snake their way into the lives of the rich and admired. Even if the truth is they've been around before the money and fame, they are mislabeled as nefarious figures simply hanging on for a sliver of their friend's spotlight.

This is Morant's second known incident involving a gun in the past three months; in March, he streamed himself on Instagram holding up a small gun while in a Denver nightclub. It follows a string of violent and troubling behavior of which he and others have been accused: punching a teenager at his home, threatening a Finish Line employee, acting like heavies inside a high school because someone called his sister a name. On Sunday, as the latest

SEE **BUCKNER** ON **D3**

HORSE RACING

Kentucky Derby winner Mage draws the No. 3 post for the Preakness. **D5**

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

Stars hold off Kraken in Game 7, reach Western Conference finals. **D12**

Young players make mistakes. Abrams must learn from his.


Barry Svrluga

Whether player development should happen at the major league level is both a matter for debate and a fact of life for the Washington Nationals. Whether that development should allow for forgetting how many outs there are in an inning should be neither.

Introducing CJ Abrams, the 22-year-old shortstop who entered this season having appeared in 90 major league games yet is so central to the Nats' future that his image appears on a stories-high mural on the parking garage beyond center field at Nationals Park — next to that of Stephen Strasburg. (Remember him?)

Abrams can be electrifying. His contributions to Monday's 10-3 victory over the New York Mets included a stolen base that forced an errant throw that led to a run and a solo homer over the Nationals' bullpen that padded a lead.

But it also included a play in the top of the fourth inning that should be eliminated from possibility.

"I knew there was one out," Abrams said, smiling.

Oh, and it should also include some accountability — from himself — regardless of age and experience level.

"It *cannot* happen," was Manager Dave Martinez's more reasonable assessment.

This is not to be a baseball cop or a baseball scold. But at some point — and the Nationals hope this is sooner rather than later — this club is going to play games that mean something in the standings, that affect pennant races and postseason positioning. The habits formed now matter for what becomes second nature when the lights are brighter and the stakes higher.

Here's what happened Monday,

SEE **SVRLUGA** ON **D5**

Meneses leads a launch party as Nats earn a split


JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST

DH Joey Meneses had four hits, including three doubles, for the Nationals in Monday's series finale.

NATIONALS 10, METS 3

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

Three times Monday, Joey Meneses punched a double at Nationals Park and coasted into second before saluting his teammates in the dugout. Each hit laid the groundwork for a 10-3 win over the New York Mets, a result that sealed a series split and kept the Washington Nationals pointing in the right direction. The doubles also charged an offensive effort that covered for a small batch of mistakes.

Along with Meneses, Lane Thomas smacked three hits, Luis García poked two, then CJ Abrams launched a solo homer to the second deck in right. Patrick Corbin scattered eight hits and two runs in six solid innings. But with Meneses's doubles in the

SEE **NATIONALS** ON **D4**

Nationals at Marlins
Today, 6:40 p.m., MASN

Wizards are hoping for a little magic in the draft lottery

BY AVA WALLACE

For the second year in a row, Wizards Coach Wes Unseld Jr. will don a suit, climb the stage and hope for the best as he serves as Washington's representative Tuesday in the NBA draft lottery at Chicago's McCormick Place. The Wizards are vying for the right to draft French phenom Victor Wembanyama with just the eighth-best odds (6.7 percent) and must be crossing their fingers, hunting for four-leaf clovers, cradling fuzzy dice — whatever it takes to attract a little bit of long-overdue good luck.

Drafting Wembanyama would provide a supersized injection of hope into a forlorn franchise already on the precipice of change. Washington is in the middle of a search for a new general manager and is sending Unseld onstage while assistant general manager Brett Greenberg represents the team behind the scenes in the drawing room. If they move up to win Tuesday, that top job gets a lot more enticing.

First, they'll need a heap of good karma.

Since the NBA began using a weighted lottery system to award the No. 1 overall pick in 1990, the team with the eighth-best odds or worse has jumped up to claim the top spot just four times. In 1993, the Orlando Magic pulled off a stunner by leaping to the top spot despite having the lowest odds to win (1.5 percent); the team drafted Chris Webber, then dealt him to the Golden State Warriors for Penny Hardaway. In 2008, the Chicago Bulls jumped from ninth (1.7 percent) to draft Derrick Rose with the No. 1 overall pick. In 2011, the Cleveland Cavaliers won the lottery with the eighth-best odds (2.8 percent), and in 2014, they moved up again, from ninth (1.7 percent), to grab the top slot and draft Andrew Wiggins (they then traded Wiggins for Kevin Love).

The Wizards haven't been as fortunate; they've been mired in an unfavorable streak that was extended last month when, after finishing the season 35-47, they slid to eighth place instead of seventh in the lottery when they lost a coin toss tiebreaker with the Indiana Pacers. That's bad enough that Unseld might want to find former Cavaliers general manager and current New Orleans Pelicans executive vice president David Griffin to rub shoulders with before the drawing Tuesday night and steal some of his mojo.

Washington has either stayed planted at its expected position or moved down in 18 of its 21 trips to the lottery since 1990. The worst-case scenario Tuesday is slipping to 12th, and there is a smidgen of a chance it does so — those odds are listed as just over 0.0 percent. The odds the Wizards fall to 11th are a mere 0.4 percent.

Their last big leap was when they moved up from eighth to third to nab Otto Porter Jr. in 2013.

If you'd rather turn your gaze to something sunnier, there are friendlier odds to focus on: according to Tankathon.com, the Wizards' odds to jump into the top four are 29 percent. Though Wembanyama is a singular talent, he is one of several exciting players available in this class. Moving into the top four would put the Wizards in range to select G League Ignite point guard Scoot Henderson, Alabama forward Brandon Miller or perhaps either Amen or Ausar Thompson, the pair of identical 6-foot-7 twins who played with Overtime Elite this year.

That would be fortuitous enough. The formidable gifts all of those prospects bring on court pale — at least right now, in this uncertain moment in Wizardsland — next to the hope they symbolize. If that sounds like a corny line from a superhero movie, well, Washington is in need of saving. Its roster needs are up in the air until owner Ted Leonsis hires a general manager. Kyle Kuzma will hit free agency this summer, and Kristaps Porzingis's future with the team is uncertain because he has a player option for next season. A refreshed front office may take Washington in a new direction, or it may hunker down around Bradley Beal — or Beal could request a trade.

The only thing the Wizards know they need for sure heading into Tuesday is luck.

ON THE NBA

All 14 of these teams dream of picking Wembanyama. Some desperately need him.

ON THE NBA FROM D1

sometimes launches one-legged three-pointers. Defensively, he protects the rim with an 8-foot wingspan and is comfortable stepping out to defend in space.

NBA teams have made no secret of their interest in Wembanyama, as a handful punted the season to get pole position in the lottery and several others pulled the plug at the trade deadline to improve their draft odds.

With that in mind, here's a look at his 14 suitors, organized into tiers to determine which team most needs a lottery miracle. Let's call this the Victor Wembanyama Misery Index.

Not miserable

Oklahoma City Thunder (1.7 percent chance to land the No. 1 pick): When Chet Holmgren, the 2022 No. 2 pick, suffered a season-ending foot injury last summer, the young Thunder seemed as if it would be one of the NBA's worst teams. Instead, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander's all-star breakout powered an unexpected 40-win season that ended in the Western Conference's play-in tournament.

Recent lottery picks Josh Giddey and Jalen Williams flashed potential, and Thunder President Sam Presti has accumulated a mountain of future first-round picks. Though his team hasn't made a playoff run since 2016, it has cracked open what should be an entertaining five-year window.

Toronto Raptors (1 percent): While Toronto just completed a 41-win campaign that led to coach Nick Nurse's departure, things could be a lot worse. The Raptors drafted a potential franchise player in Scottie Barnes two years ago, they have a veteran all-star leader in Pascal Siakam, and they're guided by a well-respected front office with plenty of draft assets and tradable veterans.

Those factors, plus fond memories of the 2019 title run, should be enough to sustain Toronto through this transition.

Orlando Magic (9 percent): Orlando has finished with a losing record in 11 of the past 12 seasons, but it landed Banchero, the 2023 rookie of the year, last June and showed a 12-win improvement in 2022-23.

Banchero, Franz Wagner, Jalen Suggs and Wendell Carter Jr. form a solid young nucleus, and the Magic will have two picks in this year's lottery as long as the Chicago Bulls don't jump into the top four. This rebuilding effort is on the upswing with or without Wembanyama.

Utah Jazz (4.5 percent): Trading away Rudy Gobert and Donovan Mitchell netted all-star forward Lauri Markkanen, standout rookie center Walker Kessler and too many future first-round picks to count.

With CEO Danny Ainge and promising young coach Will Hardy in place, the Jazz's next era is in good hands, even if the roster lacks a premier under-25 talent. Utah struggles to land big-name free agents, but an experienced front office with a flexible cap position should be able to build a consistent winner in the near future.

Somewhat miserable

Chicago Bulls (1.8 percent): Second-guessers have had a field day with the Bulls, who went all in on veterans Zach LaVine, DeMar DeRozan, Nikola Vucevic and Lonzo Ball to claim exactly one playoff win in the past two years. Things will get worse before they get better, because this core lacks the talent and upside to win big.

The inevitable pivot could take years to unfold because Bulls ownership has repeatedly proved itself to be slow to acknowledge reality. Wembanyama would change everything, and it's worth noting Chicago's two most successful runs over the past 40 years were driven by Michael Jordan (No. 3 pick in 1984) and Derrick Rose (No. 1 pick in 2008).

New Orleans Pelicans (0.5 percent): Before there was Wembanyama, there were Anthony Davis and Zion Williamson — well-rounded big men who went first in the draft and appeared ready to translate NCAA stardom to NBA superstardom. Alas, Davis forced his way out of New Orleans and Williamson just had his fourth straight injury-plagued season.

The Pelicans have stayed afloat with Brandon Ingram and CJ McCollum, but they're on a road to nowhere unless Williamson finds a way to stay off the shelf. While the odds are long, the lithe Wembanyama and the burly Williamson would be ideal frontcourt partners, at least on paper.



CHRIS UNGER FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

Victor Wembanyama, 19, is averaging 21.6 points, 10.5 rebounds and 3.1 blocks for his French club.

Indiana Pacers (6.8 percent): Trading Domantas Sabonis for Tyrese Haliburton in 2022 was an encouraging first step for a franchise that had struggled for years to craft an identity. The 23-year-old point guard earned his first all-star selection this season, and he boasts the game, intangibles and personality to be Indiana's long-term centerpiece.

The only problem: Indiana doesn't have much else going on, even if Bennedict Mathurin displayed good scoring instincts as a rookie. The Pacers went 7-19 when Haliburton was off the court, and any optimism must be tempered by the fact he needs a top-tier frontcourt partner to fully realize his potential.

Miserable and getting worse

Dallas Mavericks (3 percent): How the mighty have fallen: Dallas landed Luka Doncic in the 2018 draft and made the 2022 Western Conference finals, only to get fined last month for shamelessly tanking down the stretch in hopes of keeping its top-10 protected pick. The desperate gamble on Kyrie Irving backfired, and the Mavericks' recent trades and free agency moves inspire little hope.

Before long, vultures will be swarming around Doncic as a superstar who would benefit from a change in scenery. Still, it's hard to imagine the basketball gods rewarding Dallas for losing nine of its last 11 games with a lottery lightning strike.

Washington Wizards (6.7 percent): Some of the NBA's most hopeless teams are bad enough to miss the playoffs but not terrible enough to get a guaranteed shot at a top-five pick. That has been Washington's lot in life for most of the past five years, and the never-ending aimlessness recently cost general manager Tommy Sheppard his job.

The Wizards have yet to truly recover from the depressing end to the John Wall era, and Bradley Beal, Kristaps Porzingis and Kyle Kuzma simply aren't good enough to keep up with the Eastern Conference contenders even if they all stay in town. If anyone can deliver Washington's first 50-win season since 1978-79 and shake an entire organization out of a deep malaise, it's Wembanyama.

Portland Trail Blazers (10.5 percent): Damian Lillard has been responsible for iconic playoff moments, but those days are long gone. The Blazers have gotten a new owner, general manager, coach and supporting cast since they last won a playoff series in 2019, leaving Lillard, 32, to drown in trade rumors. With no other recourse, Portland has tanked hard down the stretch of the past two seasons in hopes of drafting a franchise-changing talent.

Brandon Roy, a three-time all-star whose career was cut short by injury, will represent the organization at the draft lottery. His mission: land the perfect antidote to the pain wrought by draft busts Sam Bowie and Greg Oden.

Utterly miserable

Houston Rockets (14 percent): Owner Tilman Fertitta has watched Houston crumble since James Harden's departure, as the Rockets have won just 59 games combined over the past three seasons. Their unproven front office has struggled to identify talent and build a healthy culture, leading to the recent dismissal of coach Stephen Silas. Desperate to land a leader with credentials, Houston took a chance on Ime Udoka, the former Boston Celtics coach who lost his job following an investigation into his inappropriate relationship with a team employee.

Although this doesn't sound like the ideal incubator for Wembanyama, he would follow in the footsteps of Hakeem Olajuwon and Yao Ming, two foreign-born centers who enjoyed Hall of Fame careers after going No. 1 to the Rockets.

San Antonio Spurs (14 percent): Believe it or not, the Spurs' four-year playoff drought is the longest in franchise history. Even more incredibly, San Antonio had never missed the playoffs in consecutive seasons until trading Kawhi Leonard precipitated its ongoing collapse.

This is a full-blown crisis for Gregg Popovich and company, who have traded off veterans to play for the future without landing the same premium draft assets as Oklahoma City and Utah. When San Antonio won 20 games in 1996-97, it landed Tim Duncan with the No. 1 pick and enjoyed 22 straight postseason trips, highlighted by five championships. Boy, do the Spurs need history to repeat.

Detroit Pistons (14 percent): The Pistons punched their No. 1 ticket in 2021, but injuries limited top prize Cade Cunningham to just 76 combined games over his first two seasons. Signs of hope were few and far between as Detroit won just 17 games in 2022-23, the second-lowest total in franchise history.

Feeling a degree of urgency, Detroit moved on from coach Dwane Casey. GM Troy Weaver has remained active even if his moves have yet to pay dividends and took fliers on former lottery picks Marvin Bagley III and James Wiseman in hopes of adding difference-makers. A dramatic turnaround is possible: Pair a healthy Cunningham with Wembanyama, and the Pistons just might leap into the 2024 playoffs.

Eternally miserable

Charlotte Hornets (12.5 percent): Since their 2004 reincarnation, the Hornets have never had a true franchise player. Kemba Walker earned three all-star selections in Charlotte, but he never won a playoff series. LaMelo Ball averaged 23.3 points and 8.4 assists last season, but his flashy style hasn't translated to consistent winning.

Meanwhile, owner Michael Jordan has reportedly considered selling the team, which hasn't reached the playoffs since 2016 and has consistently ranked near the bottom in home attendance. The GOAT has suffered enough to deserve his first chance at the No. 1 pick.

DIGEST

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL will exclusively stream a playoff game

For the first time, the NFL will place a playoff game behind a streaming platform's paywall.

The league announced Monday that Peacock, a subsidiary of NBCUniversal, will exclusively live-stream one of this season's first-round contests. The only other ways to view the prime-time game will be in the local markets of the two competing teams, on their respective NBC affiliates, and on mobile devices via the league's cost-tiered NFL Plus app.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the deal with Peacock is for one year and pays the NFL approximately $110 million.

The exclusive-to-Peacock game will kick off at 8 p.m. on Jan. 13. It will follow a 4:30 p.m. contest, available on Peacock but also broadcast nationally by NBC, that marks the start of the NFL playoffs.

Peacock is also set to exclusively live-stream a regular season game that pits the visiting Buffalo Bills against the Los Angeles Chargers on Dec. 23.

The NFL's history of live-streaming games goes back to 2008, when it partnered with NBC Sports to make "Sunday Night Football" available online. The league first put a game exclusively online, apart from local-market telecasts, in 2015 with a Bills-Jacksonville Jaguars game in London that Yahoo streamed free of charge. . . .

Longtime NFL quarterback **Matt Ryan**, released in March by the Indianapolis Colts, is joining CBS Sports as a studio and game analyst, the network announced.

Ryan said on social media that the development should not be taken to mean he was officially retiring from the NFL.

The 37-year-old played one season with the Colts after 14 seasons with the Atlanta Falcons.

CBS Sports said Ryan will be in the booth for select games this season and also will provide analysis for several NFL-oriented programs as well as for its CBS Sports HQ platform.

— Des Bieler

Bills safety **Damar Hamlin**, who is working on his return to the field after having gone into cardiac arrest during a game in January, was selected as the winner of the 2023 George Halas Award.

The Professional Football Writers of America announced the 55th winner of the award, given to an NFL player, coach or staff member who overcomes adversity to succeed.

TENNIS

About to reclaim the No. 1 ranking, **Carlos Alcaraz** was pretty much pushed off the court at the Italian Open by 135th-ranked Hungarian qualifier **Fabian Marozsan**, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4), in the third round in Rome.

Alcaraz had won 30 of 32 matches this year and was on a 12-match winning streak on clay after consecutive titles in Barcelona and Madrid. He secured a return to the top spot next week by winning his opening match in Rome, but he was caught off guard by how Marozsan, 23, dictated with spectacular play all over the court, including drop shots for which Alcaraz had no answer.

"He surprised me a lot. His level was really, really high," Alcaraz said. "I'm sure he's going to break the top 100 very, very soon."

Marozsan, who was playing in the main draw of an ATP tournament for the first time, had twice as many winners as Alcaraz, 24 to 12, and fewer unforced errors, 13 to 24.

SOCCER

Curtis Jones scored twice as visiting Liverpool plunged Leicester City closer to relegation and kept alive its own chances of finishing in the English Premier League top four with a 3-0 victory.

For Liverpool, a seventh straight victory moved the fifth-place team a point behind both Newcastle and Manchester United in the race for the final two Champions League qualification positions, behind Manchester City and Arsenal.

Leicester, which won the league seven years ago, sits in next-to-last place and two points from safety with two games remaining. . . .

Marcelo Bielsa, 67, was confirmed as the new Uruguay coach to the end of the 2026 World Cup. He coached Argentina from 1998 to 2004.

HOCKEY

The United States overcame Germany, 3-2, in Tampere, Finland, for a third victory in three games at the ice hockey world championship.

Matt Coronatto, **Sean Farrell** and **Ronnie Attard** scored for the Americans.

Also in Group B, **Arturs Silovs**'s overtime goal gave Latvia a 4-3 victory over the Czech Republic.

In Riga, Latvia, **Jack Quinn** scored the winner in the eighth round of a shootout to give Canada a 2-1 win over Slovakia.

Also in Group A, Sweden beat Finland, 4-3, in a shootout to hand the defending champion a second defeat in three games.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Kansas State signed Coach **Chris Klieman** to a new eight-year contract that will pay an average of $5.5 million annually and could keep him tied to the defending Big 12 champion through the 2030 season.

The deal replaces a contract due to end after the 2026 season.

Klieman, 55, is 30-20 in four seasons with the Wildcats.

— From news services and staff reports

TELEVISION AND RADIO

MLB

6:30 p.m.	**Los Angeles Angels at Baltimore** » MASN2, WIYY (97.9 FM), WSBN (630 AM)
6:30 p.m.	**Washington at Miami** » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM)
8 p.m.	**Chicago Cubs at Houston** » TBS
10 p.m.	**Minnesota at Los Angeles Dodgers** » MLB Network

NBA

8 p.m.	**NBA draft lottery** » ESPN
8:30 p.m.	**Western Conference finals, Game 1: Los Angeles Lakers at Denver** » ESPN

SOCCER

1 p.m.	**Turkish Super Lig: Galatasaray at Istanbulspor** » beIN Sports

TENNIS

5 a.m.	**ATP: Italian Open, round of 16; WTA: Italian Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel
1 p.m.	**ATP: Italian Open, round of 16; WTA: Italian Open, quarterfinals** » Tennis Channel

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE

5 p.m.	**Geico Showcase: Avon Old Farms (Conn.) at Taft (Conn.)** » ESPNU

CANDACE BUCKNER

Maybe it's Morant's buddies who need to find a better friend

BUCKNER FROM D1

video spread on social media, Morant, 23, deservedly absorbed criticism. He also still managed to find those who watched the short clip and came away thinking, how could he? Not Morant. How could Pack do his friend that way?

Former player Kwame Brown chastised Pack for knowing Morant had a gun in the car and recording anyway, while Los Angeles Lakers guard D'Angelo Russell offered advice on Twitter: "If you can't change the people around you, change the people around you." Others on the same platform also pinned this blunder on the friend.

The friend should have never turned his phone toward Morant. But if that's true, then maybe he should have never hit record. Or never even possessed a smartphone in the first place. When traveling with his very rich, very well-known, very tempestuous bestie, Pack should keep only a carrier pigeon to communicate with the outside world. That way, the next time Morant momentarily goes brain-dead, Pack can wrestle the firearm away, while the pigeon dispatches to the team of lawyers, agents and propagandists who can't even wake up on Mother's Day without learning their client is trending on Twitter.

Pack has his own history in gangsta cosplay: He walked onto the court during a game against the Indiana Pacers in February and verbally confronted players. For that, he was banned from attending Grizzlies home games last season. In this duo, Pack isn't exactly the levelheaded one. He, like Morant, is an intemperate young man obsessed with throwing away his future. It's just that Morant can jump higher.

Morant receives understanding and forgiveness, though he continues to show himself as audacious and defiant. Either he hasn't learned from his previous eight-game suspension or he just doesn't care about consequences. He is the star. Not only in the video but also in his life, where clearly he has rejected wise counsel for the company of fools. A carload of them, while Morant takes the captain's seat.

So, God help Ja Morant's friend, the sidekick stuck riding shotgun. At least he tried.

Pack tried to stop the backlash that would surely follow from Morant flashing a gun. He tried to shield the fact that this multimillionaire is so uncomfortable driving the streets on a sunny weekend day that he feels compelled to carry heat.



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Ja Morant's latest miscue with a gun has engendered more condemnation of his friend Davonte Pack than of the Grizzlies star himself.

Soon after Pack spiced up this carpool karaoke by making a gun gesture, the camera moved over to Morant, who was now dancing with an actual gun in his hand. Pack immediately dropped the phone. He tried to protect Morant and his brand. He was the one who seemed to have a modicum of common sense. Even though no one in that car appears to have learned not to play with guns, including his wealthy best friend, at least Pack realized he shouldn't show it to the world.

But Morant keeps showing us who he is. Not in the apologetic written statements, nor while being served up softballs by a non-journalist at ESPN so he can meekly say "the gun wasn't mine." Instead, Morant reveals himself through his actions.

Surely in the coming days or weeks, we can expect to read and hear more contrition from Morant. More about the anxiety he suffers from or the therapy he'll undergo while serving this offseason suspension, which was issued too late by the Grizzlies in an attempt to contain the problem child they helped create. Rather than rushing to absolve Morant and assigning culpability to his lesser-known friends, it's time to believe Morant has the capacity to make terrible decisions all by himself. He doesn't need anyone to lead him astray. And possibly, it is Pack who needs a better friend.

Just like Morant, Pack is a young man too enraptured with searching for all the smoke. Except he's viewed as the malevolent force in Morant's master plan. The problem with that storyline is the video evidence. On Saturday, two friends were in a car. They were rapping and having a good time. Then, one pulled out a gun. Now, it's hard to distinguish the parasite from the host.

JERRY BREWER

Chaos has arrived in the parity-driven NBA playoffs, and it might not be a fad

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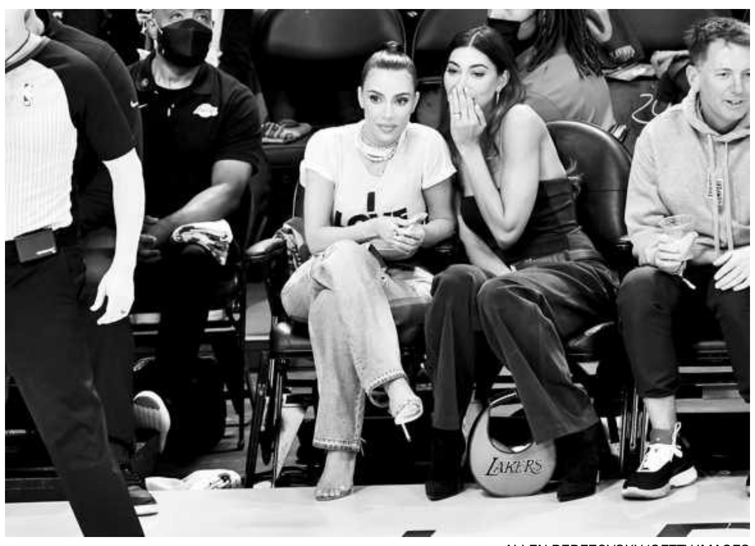
evidence to forcefully discredit the asinine notion that the bubble playoffs were a fluke.

This postseason provides the strongest confirmation that this new day of NBA parity is sustainable. For the last couple of seasons, I've often characterized it as an intermission before the next superpower emerges. But it feels more significant than that. It's starting to look like an era of hyper competitiveness.

If the Lakers don't win it all, the NBA will crown a different champion for the fifth straight season. And even if the Lakers do take a confetti shower, they're hardly the same team that triumphed in the bubble three years ago. They have a new coach in Darvin Ham. James and Davis are the only holdovers from that title team. Put all four teams together, and there are just 14 bubble players (not counting injured Heat guard Tyler Herro) who will factor into the outcome this time.

The NBA has long been a transient league. But for the decade after James made "The Decision" to form a Big Three in Miami, the motivation behind a lot of the movement was to stack superstars on high-profile teams. The players considered it empowerment. The teams considered it an arms race. Then Kawhi Leonard was traded to Toronto, and the Raptors ended the Kevin Durant variant of the Golden State Warriors' dynasty as Durant and Klay Thompson suffered devastating injuries in the 2019 Finals. That summer, Leonard joined the Los Angeles Clippers in free agency, and Durant chose an ill-fated alliance with Kyrie Irving on the Brooklyn Nets. In addition, Butler signed with Miami instead of remaining with a young 76ers core of Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons. All of a sudden, the NBA had exited an era of super teams and three-star alliances, rebalancing the sport.

Since then, every effort to supercharge a contender has proved futile. The Nets traded a good amount of their depth to build a championship team around Durant, Irving and James Harden. It failed, as did the Lakers' attempt to put Russell Westbrook with James and Davis. The Phoenix Suns have a pending experiment with Durant, Devin Booker and Chris Paul. But they just lost in the second round to the well-rounded Nuggets, and with decisions to make about the 38-year-old Paul and expensive, ill-fitting young center Deandre Ayton, the Suns need to prioritize role players over headliners.



ALLEN BEREZOVSKY/GETTY IMAGES

Stars such as Kim Kardashian, left, and Sarah Staudinger have turned out for the seventh-seeded Lakers' unexpected playoff run.

Parity might not be a fad. In July, a new collective bargaining agreement takes effect, and it comes with all sorts of legislation that will limit the opportunities teams with high payrolls have to add talent. Great teams will figure out ways to prosper in the new system, but windows of contention will be tighter. Smart drafting and player development will be essential. The old inclination to clear out contracts and allow superstars to join forces — which doesn't really work unless Pat Riley is orchestrating it all — will be thorny with reduced availability of salary-cap exceptions for teams well over the cap.

The NBA is almost halfway through a period reminiscent of the 1970s, when eight teams won championships. But this time may be even crazier because the regular season — full of major injuries as well as ailing or aging players involved in dreaded load management plans — is becoming as much about survival as performance.

The 2016-17 Warriors, who went 67-15 in their first season with Durant, are the last team with the NBA's best regular season record to win the Larry O'Brien Trophy. In the past six regular seasons, the best team hasn't made it to the championship round. The last four haven't even advanced to the conference finals. Furthermore, teams led by the past four league MVPs have been bounced in the first or second round. Stephen Curry, way back in 2015, is the last MVP to end the season hugging the championship trophy.

The MVP award isn't a pre-title coronation anymore. And the team most equipped to win in the playoffs rarely dominates the regular season now. Volatility is taking over the sport, and if it continues it will either change the way we judge success or — more likely — cause yearly volcanic reactions when greatness vanishes too soon.

Whether it creates a better league depends on the characters navigating change. But it's an inevitable reality that may be more difficult to break than past systems. Get used to the parity. In the NBA, fickle is the future.

BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Sandy Spring baseball takes wacky path to championship

FROM STAFF REPORTS

In the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference, Sandy Spring baseball coach Ben McClellan says, numbers are a luxury. It's a league of small schools, and with an enrollment of roughly 300 students, the Wildebeests are not immune to the challenges of fielding a competitive baseball team.

McClellan considers two solid starters, a reliever and nine solid bats enough to make a team a contender. Throw in some grit, he said, and you've got a champion. This year, the Wildebeests had both. On Thursday, the program captured its first trophy since 2016, besting Field School, 10-6, at home.

"It feels amazing," sophomore right-hander Noah Gross said. "When you're at a smaller school, you create these bonds that are just so much closer. . . . I've been here since preschool. When you're younger growing up, you want to be playing in these games. You want to earn a banner."

The Wildebeests (12-3) had plenty of cause for confidence heading into the postseason. In March, Gross threw a perfect game. In April, the team won four games by at least 12 runs. In an unorthodox league, though, it was fitting that the path to a title got a bit wacky.

McClellan, who had retired from coaching in 2020, returned before the season after another coach's hiring fell through. And even with blowouts abounding, the championship game pitted the Wildebeests against Field School, which Sandy Spring had beaten with a walk-off hit in April, though not before the Falcons fanned their first 18 batters.

Thursday offered more eccentricities. Three Wildebeests pitchers, who had been consistent all season, combined to issue 17 walks.

Still, they mopped up the messes. Behind them, the defense shined. The offense, led by sophomore catcher Jacob Edelman and senior Miles Jones, followed suit. After the final out, Jones slammed his glove on the ground.

"I've been playing baseball my whole life," Jones said. "We all worked so hard. This is what we worked for."

— Spencer Nusbaum

Lacrosse

Yorktown Coach Greg Beer wants his team to play fast, so in practice he tries to make every activity involve competition and runs 12-second drills to keep the players moving.

But once the Patriots had built a lead in their 8-1 blowout of defending Class 6 champion Madison on March 30, the team that eliminated them in last year's semifinals, senior midfielder Jack Martinez and some of the offensive players told their teammates to avoid rushing possessions, drag out the clock and only shoot if it was a good shot.

Yorktown (14-1) hasn't lost since its season opener against The Heights. The Patriots knocked off Herndon on Friday in the Liberty District semifinals for their 12th win by at least five goals. Yorktown faces McLean for the district title Tuesday; it beat the Highlanders, 10-6, on April 28.

"We had a gauntlet before spring break; we were very front-loaded," Beer said. "It showed a lot about who the kids were. . . . The Madison game showed their hunger."

Junior attackman Hudson Greene, who leads Yorktown's offense with 39 goals, is one of seven players who played on the Patriots' 2021 Class 6 championship team. In addition to an attack that averages 13.3 goals, the Patriots have a strong defensive unit led by senior midfielder Miles Fang and junior goalie Hayden Whittington.

— Shane Connuck

Soccer

Hayfield has won four district titles in program history, the most recent coming 20 years ago. As postseason play begins this week, the Hawks are looking to add to that tally after an impressive regular season in which they finished 9-1-3.

"They walk through the gym, and every once in a while I catch them glancing up at that banner," Coach Daniel Drickey said. "So we'll take this one thing at a time. Everybody wants to go out on a high."

That step-by-step approach has been at the center of everything the team has done this spring. Drickey knew he had a solid group of seniors coming into this season but has been pleasantly surprised by the play of underclassmen. That has created a strong balance of youth and experience within the Hawks' starting lineup. Together, the group has tried to check one box at a time and keep a level head.

"Our message is always going to be about the next game," Drickey said. "We want to go out, check the box and then see who's next."

That means not getting too excited, sure, but it also means finding the ability to bounce back from adversity.

"This group doesn't get shook too much," Drickey said. "We go a goal down, and they find some motivation. In years past, we might give up a goal and bicker for 15 minutes and find ourselves down two or three. This group gets a chip on their shoulder for giving it up in the first place."

— Michael Errigo

Tennis

The Potomac School Panthers came away disappointed from Saturday's Mid-Atlantic Athletic Conference championship. After a grueling series of matches and multiple tiebreakers, they lost, 4-3, against Sidwell Friends.

But mixed with that frustration, there was encouragement. Coming in as the underdogs with little tournament experience compared with the opposing lineup, the Panthers demonstrated a scrappy attitude they had built over the season.

For second doubles player Michael Fleming, his win with partner Ben Schirmeier signaled skyrocketing progress in his own play. A week earlier, they barely escaped with a win against the Sidwell duo at one of their last regular season matches. But at the MAC final, they handed their team a definitive doubles win early in the contest.

"We didn't really feel like we played all that well [in the regular season match]," Fleming said.

"But I was like, 'We can take them again.' So then we ended up winning [in the finals], 6-2, 6-1. It was really satisfying, considering last year the exact same doubles team beat us pretty easily."

The Panthers came a long way since being shut out at last year's MAC tournament. They'll need to rally themselves quickly as they head into the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association tournament, in which they will face strong competition from Richmond-area teams.

"Obviously, right after the match, it was a tough moment for us," senior No. 3 singles player Alex Zhou said. "But all of us are really proud of our level . . . and heading into the state championship hopefully we can be able to show the other teams the attitude and the skills that we have and not spend too much time on this loss."

— Aaron Credeur

BASEBALL

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Atlanta	26	15	.634	—	5-5	W-1
x-Philadelphia	20	20	.500	5½	5-5	L-1
Miami	20	21	.488	6	4-6	W-1
New York	20	22	.476	6½	4-6	L-1
Washington	18	23	.439	8	5-5	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	23	18	.561	—	5-5	L-1
Pittsburgh	22	19	.537	1	2-8	W-1
Chicago	19	22	.463	4	4-6	L-3
Cincinnati	18	23	.439	5	5-5	L-2
St. Louis	17	25	.405	6½	7-3	W-4

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Los Angeles	26	15	.634	—	8-2	W-5
x-Arizona	23	18	.561	3	6-4	W-3
x-San Diego	19	22	.463	7	3-7	L-5
Colorado	18	24	.429	8½	6-4	W-2
x-San Francisco	17	23	.425	8½	4-6	L-3

x-Late game

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	31	11	.738	—	5-5	W-1
Baltimore	26	15	.634	4½	5-5	L-2
Toronto	24	17	.585	6½	6-4	L-1
New York	24	19	.558	7½	7-3	W-1
Boston	22	20	.524	9	4-6	L-4

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Minnesota	23	18	.561	—	6-4	W-2
Cleveland	19	21	.475	3½	5-5	W-2
Detroit	18	21	.462	4	6-4	W-1
Chicago	14	28	.333	9½	4-6	L-1
x-Kansas City	12	30	.286	11½	4-6	L-3

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Texas	25	16	.610	—	7-3	L-1
Houston	22	19	.537	3	6-4	W-2
Los Angeles	22	20	.524	3½	4-6	W-1
Seattle	21	20	.512	4	6-4	W-1
x-Oakland	9	33	.214	16½	3-7	L-2

x-Late game

Meneses leads offensive surge for the Nats

NATIONALS FROM D1

first and third — putting aside the eighth-inning double that came on a sinker — there was hope he might reverse an early-season trend, one keeping the Nationals without any real thump in the middle of their order. And that was no small thing.

"He's hitting the ball out in front a lot better," Manager Dave Martinez said of Meneses. "He's not getting beat as often. That's a great sign."

It's hard to pinpoint the biggest difference for Meneses — the reason he's hitting for so much less power than he did last summer — because the samples from both years are limited. Meneses has two homers through 40 games compared with the 13 he mashed in only 56 as a 30-year-old rookie. But through 6½ weeks, he has had a much harder time elevating breaking and off-speed pitches, meaning he has had a much harder time doing damage that would show up in his slugging percentage (.394 after Monday's victory; .563 in 2022).

Look at his average launch angle against fastballs, breaking pitches and off-speed pitches from this year and last:

- Against fastballs: 7 degrees in 2022; 7 in 2023.
- Against breaking pitches (curveballs, sliders): 16 degrees in 2022; 8 in 2023.
- Against off-speed pitches (mostly change-ups): 6 degrees in 2022; minus-3 in 2023.

As defined by MLB's online glossary, a groundball is anything less than 10 degrees, a line drive is between 10 and 25, and a flyball is between 25 and 50. A popup, the worst kind of elevated contact, is anything above 50. Meneses's average launch angle of 6.2, then, is a pretty telling number. He has consistently hit the ball hard all season. But he's struggled to hit the ball hard *and* get it in the air, particularly when connecting with non-fastballs.

After Meneses broke out, pitchers seemed to collectively agree on one thing: No more heaters. Entering the series finale against the Mets, 40.4 percent of the total pitches to him had been fastballs, tied for the 10th-lowest rate in the majors. García, who had two opposite-field singles Monday, had seen even fewer fastballs at 34.7



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Luis García slides home on Keibert Ruiz's sacrifice fly in the third inning, one of his two runs to go with two hits.

percent (second lowest). Starter David Peterson approached them accordingly, as three of their four hits off him were on breaking or off-speed pitches.

In the first, after Thomas led off with a double, Meneses drove him in by lining Peterson's low change-up into the left field corner for his first double. Launch angle: 19 degrees.

In the third, after Thomas and García slapped back-to-back singles, Meneses brought in Thomas again, this time by pulling a middle-middle slider for another double down the line. Launch angle: 16 degrees.

"That's what I've been working on with our hitting coach in the cage a lot," Meneses said through a team interpreter. "Trying to be in a better position to try to elevate the ball more."

"When he gets ready earlier, he can get the ball out in front, especially the breaking balls," Martinez explained. "Today was a good day for him."

The Nationals scored in seven of the eight innings they batted in, brushing their mental slips aside. Abrams, their 22-year-old shortstop, forgot how many outs there were in the fourth and didn't even try to turn what could have been an inning-ending double play. García was picked off and caught in a rundown between first and second. Dominic Smith ran into an out between first and second after hitting an RBI single.

Then in the seventh, Stone Garrett charged in for a sinking liner that hit off his glove and fell for a double. (Garrett's reps will now be split with Corey Dickerson, who returned from the injured list Monday, leading to Jake Alu's demotion back to Class AAA Rochester.)

But the offense did more than enough, starting with Meneses and ending with a steady stream of insurance runs.

In the sixth, Meneses dug in against right-handed reliever Tommy Hunter, who tried him with an 0-1 sinker. Meneses swung and dribbled it down the third base line, an RBI single that scored Thomas yet again and traveled all of one foot.

The launch angle on the hit? Minus-77 degrees — or straight into the dirt in front of home plate. Once in a while that works, too.

NATIONALS ON DECK

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vs. Detroit Tigers

Friday	7:05	MASN
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Sunday	1:35	MASN2

vs. San Diego Padres

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May 24	7:05	MASN2
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Ohtani goes deep, reaches base five times and earns win over the O's

ANGELS 9, ORIOLES 5

BY JACOB CALVIN MEYER

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles were in a much different place the only other time they faced the Los Angeles Angels' Shohei Ohtani.

It was Aug. 25, 2021, and the Orioles, in the midst of a 110-loss season, had lost 19 straight games — the most by an MLB team since 2005. They were facing Ohtani, the two-way wonder in the midst of his American League MVP campaign, and it seemed inevitable that their streak would reach 20.

Baltimore is now a near-180 from that team. Entering the week with the second-best record in the major leagues, the team is on the other side of the rebuild that caused those dark days in 2021 and before.

"Much better spot mentally right now than the last time we faced him, for sure," Manager Brandon Hyde said before the game. "Those were some tough days. We're a lot better club than we were a couple years ago."

But, ironically, these Orioles couldn't do what those Orioles somehow did — complete a comeback against the Angels' bullpen after Ohtani exited the game.

Ohtani the pitcher tossed seven innings for the win, while Ohtani the hitter was a double away from a cycle and blasted a three-run home run off Grayson Rodriguez to hand the Orioles a 9-5 loss.

Ohtani became the first starting pitcher since Mel Stottlemyre in 1964 to reach base five times in a game.

Rodriguez struggled on the mound for the shortest and worst start in his young major league career. The top pitching prospect in baseball allowed eight runs in 3⅓ innings to push his ERA to 6.57.

All five of the Orioles' runs came via three homers, but the team managed just three additional hits and couldn't score in the final four innings.

— Baltimore Sun

Nationals 10, Mets 3

METS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	5	0	1	1	0	1	.316
Lindor ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.224
Guillorme ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Alonso dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.232
Pham lf	3	0	0	1	0	0	.191
Canha 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.236
Marte rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.243
McNeil 2b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.270
Escobar 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.200
Álvarez c	2	0	1	0	2	0	.225
TOTALS	35	3	11	3	2	2	—

NATIONALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Thomas rf	4	3	3	0	1	1	.285
García 2b	5	2	2	1	0	0	.270
Meneses dh	5	0	4	4	0	1	.300
Ruiz c	3	1	0	1	0	0	.242
Call cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.228
Candelario 3b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.219
Do.Smith 1b	3	1	2	2	0	1	.271
Garrett lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.254
Abrams ss	4	2	2	1	0	0	.258
TOTALS	35	10	15	9	2	7	—

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E: Álvarez (2), Ruiz (2), Candelario (3). **LOB:** New York 8, Washington 6. **2B:** Lindor (14), Álvarez (4), Thomas 2 (6), Meneses 3 (10). **3B:** Candelario (1). **HR:** Abrams (4), off Hunter. **RBI:** McNeil (14), Pham (9), Nimmo (18), Meneses 4 (22), Ruiz (13), García (17), Do.Smith 2 (10), Abrams (22). **SB:** Abrams (5). **CS:** García (2). **SF:** Pham, Ruiz, Do.Smith.

METS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peterson	5	9	6	6	2	5	94	8.08
Hunter	3	6	4	4	0	2	35	7.00

NATIONALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Corbin	6	8	2	2	1	1	97	4.65
Machado	1	1	0	0	0	1	19	5.00
Edwards Jr.	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.76
Harris	1	2	1	1	1	0	24	5.62

WP: Corbin (2-5); **LP:** Peterson (1-6). **HBP:** Peterson (Ruiz). **T:** 2:34. **A:** 15,220 (41,376).

HOW THEY SCORED

NATIONALS FIRST
Lane Thomas doubles. Luis Garcia lines out. Lane Thomas to third. **Joey Meneses doubles, Lane Thomas scores.** Keibert Ruiz grounds out. Joey Meneses to third. Alex Call strikes out swinging.
Nationals 1, Mets 0
METS SECOND
Tommy Pham flies out. Mark Canha flies out. Starling Marte singles. **Jeff McNeil singles, Starling Marte scores.** Eduardo Escobar singles. Jeff McNeil to second. Francisco Alvarez walks. Eduardo Escobar to second. Jeff McNeil to third. Catcher Keibert Ruiz picks off Francisco Alvarez on throw to first baseman Dominic Smith.
Mets 1, Nationals 1
NATIONALS THIRD
CJ Abrams flies out. Lane Thomas singles. Luis Garcia singles. Lane Thomas to second. **Joey Meneses doubles, Luis Garcia to third, Lane Thomas scores. Keibert Ruiz out on a sacrifice fly, Luis Garcia scores.** Alex Call strikes out swinging.
Nationals 3, Mets 1
NATIONALS FOURTH
Jeimer Candelario grounds out. Dominic Smith singles. Stone Garrett walks. Dominic Smith to second. CJ Abrams reaches on a fielder's choice. Stone Garrett out at second. Dominic Smith to third. **Throwing error by Francisco Alvarez, CJ Abrams steals second, Dominic Smith scores.** Lane Thomas walks. **Luis Garcia singles, Lane Thomas to third, CJ Abrams scores.** Luis Garcia picked off and caught stealing second base.
Nationals 5, Mets 1
NATIONALS FIFTH
Joey Meneses strikes out swinging. Keibert Ruiz hit by pitch. Alex Call strikes out swinging. Jeimer Candelario singles. Keibert Ruiz to second. **Dominic Smith singles, Jeimer Candelario to third, Keibert Ruiz scores, Smith tagged out advancing to second.**
Nationals 6, Mets 1
METS SIXTH
Francisco Lindor doubles. Pete Alonso singles. Francisco Lindor to third. **Tommy Pham out on a sacrifice fly, Francisco Lindor scores.** Mark Canha reaches on a fielder's choice. Pete Alonso out at second. Starling Marte singles. Mark Canha to third. Throwing error by Jeimer Candelario. Jeff McNeil lines out.
Nationals 6, Mets 2
NATIONALS SIXTH
Stone Garrett flies out. **CJ Abrams homers.** Lane Thomas doubles. Luis Garcia grounds out. Lane Thomas to third. **Joey Meneses singles, Lane Thomas scores.** Keibert Ruiz flies out.
Nationals 8, Mets 2
NATIONALS SEVENTH
Alex Call flies out. Jeimer Candelario triples. **Dominic Smith out on a sacrifice fly, Jeimer Candelario scores.** Stone Garrett called out on strikes.
Nationals 9, Mets 2
NATIONALS EIGHTH
CJ Abrams singles. Lane Thomas called out on strikes. Luis Garcia reaches on a fielder's choice. CJ Abrams out at second. **Joey Meneses doubles, Luis Garcia scores.** Keibert Ruiz lines out.
Nationals 10, Mets 2
METS NINTH
Starling Marte grounds out. Jeff McNeil singles. Eduardo Escobar singles. Jeff McNeil to second. Francisco Alvarez walks. Eduardo Escobar to second. Jeff McNeil to third. **Brandon Nimmo grounds out, Francisco Alvarez to second, Eduardo Escobar to third, Jeff McNeil scores.** Luis Guillorme flies out.
Nationals 10, Mets 3

Yankees 7, Blue Jays 4

Aaron Judge hit a pair of solo homers and drove in three runs to spark New York over Toronto.

Judge reached base five times, including three walks — one with the bases loaded. Willie Calhoun also homered for the Yankees.

YANKEES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Bauers lf	4	1	0	0	1	2	.250
Bader cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Judge rf	2	2	2	3	3	0	.274
Rizzo 1b	5	0	1	1	0	0	.308
Torres 2b	4	1	1	0	1	1	.250
Calhoun dh	4	1	1	2	1	1	.227
Volpe ss	5	1	1	0	0	1	.217
Cabrera 3b	2	1	0	0	3	1	.217
Higashioka c	5	0	1	1	0	1	.211
Hicks cf-lf	3	0	1	0	1	2	.161
TOTALS	34	7	8	7	10	9	—

BLUE JAYS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Springer rf	4	1	0	1	0	0	.219
Bichette ss	4	0	2	1	0	0	.324
Guerrero Jr. dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.314
Varsho lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.221
Chapman 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.315
Merrifield 2b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.280
Belt 1b	4	1	1	0	0	0	.244
Kirk c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.217
Kiermaier cf	3	0	2	0	0	0	.321
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	0	2	—

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E: Torres (3), Merrifield (2). **LOB:** New York 10, Toronto 3. **2B:** Volpe (4), Rizzo (7), Kiermaier (9), Chapman (18), Guerrero Jr. (11). **HR:** Judge (9), off Manoah; Calhoun (3), off Manoah; Judge (10), off Jackson.

YANKEES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Cordero	2	0	0	0	0	0	2.50
Brito	5⅓	6	4	2	0	2	5.45
Hamilton	⅓	2	0	0	0	0	1.27
King	1⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.38

BLUE JAYS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Manoah	4	6	5	5	7	3	5.40
Pearson	1⅓	0	1	1	2	1	2.25
Mayza	1⅔	1	0	0	0	2	1.26
Jackson	1	1	1	1	0	2	3.00
García	1	0	0	0	1	1	4.82

WP: Brito (3-3); **LP:** Manoah (1-4); **S:** King (3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hamilton 3-3, King 2-0, Pearson 2-0, Mayza 2-1. **IBB:** off Pearson (Judge). **WP:** Manoah. **T:** 2:47. **A:** 28,810 (49,282).

Angels 9, Orioles 5

ANGELS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Ohtani p-dh	5	3	4	3	1	0	.303
Ward lf	6	1	2	0	0	2	.244
Phillips lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.077
Trout cf	5	1	2	0	1	0	.281
Renfroe rf	5	1	2	1	1	2	.258
Thaiss 1b	4	1	1	1	1	2	.288
Urshela 3b	4	0	2	2	1	0	.289
Rengifo 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	.212
Wallach c	5	1	3	1	0	1	.314
Neto ss	4	0	0	1	0	0	.240
TOTALS	43	9	17	9	5	8	—

ORIOLES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Mullins cf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.267
Rutschman c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.286
Santander 1b	4	1	2	2	0	1	.262
Mountcastle dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.244
Henderson 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.180
Hays lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.292
Frazier 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.227
Vavra rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	.214
Ortiz ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167
Mateo ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	.259
TOTALS	33	5	6	5	2	7	—

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LOB: Los Angeles 13, Baltimore 3. **2B:** Renfroe 2 (9), Urshela (4), Thaiss (3). **3B:** Ohtani (2). **HR:** Wallach (3), off Rodriguez; Ohtani (9), off Rodriguez; Frazier (4), off Ohtani; Santander (6), off Ohtani; Mullins (6), off Ohtani. **RBI:** Neto (12), Urshela 2 (16), Wallach (7), Ohtani 3 (29), Thaiss (8), Renfroe (28), Frazier 2 (16), Santander 2 (22), Mullins (32). **SB:** Mateo (13). **SF:** Neto.

ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Ohtani	7	4	5	5	2	5	3.23
Devenski	1	2	0	0	0	1	2.61
Moore	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.29

ORIOLES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Rodriguez	3⅓	9	8	8	3	3	6.57
Gillaspie	1⅔	4	1	1	1	1	6.75
Voth	1	0	0	0	0	0	4.71
Baker	1	2	0	0	0	1	1.80
Coulombe	1	1	0	0	0	1	3.14
Baumann	1	1	0	0	1	2	3.27

WP: Ohtani (5-1); **LP:** Rodriguez (2-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Gillaspie 1-1. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 20,148 (45,971).

ORIOLES' LEADERS

Entering Tuesday's game.

Batters	Avg	H	2B	HR	RBI	BB
McKenna	.308	12	3	1	6	1
Hays	.292	38	9	4	13	9
Rutschman	.286	42	6	6	22	32
Urías	.278	27	7	1	16	11
Mullins	.267	40	8	6	32	21
Santander	.262	38	12	6	22	14
Mateo	.259	29	6	6	20	8

Mariners 10, Red Sox 1

Cal Raleigh became the first catcher to homer from both sides of the plate at Fenway Park, and George Kirby pitched Seattle past Boston.

Eugenio Suárez added a two-run shot of his own for the Mariners.

MARINERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	5	0	1	0	0	1	.248
Caballero ph-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.289
France 1b	5	1	2	1	0	1	.277
Ju.Rodríguez cf	4	0	1	0	1	3	.216
Haggerty cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.121
Kelenic lf	5	3	2	1	0	1	.291
Suárez 3b	4	2	2	2	1	1	.226
Raleigh c	5	3	3	4	0	1	.228
T.Hernández rf	4	1	2	0	1	1	.236
Trammell dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	.130
Pollock ph-dh	2	0	2	2	0	0	.162
K.Wong 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	.174
TOTALS	43	10	15	10	3	10	—

RED SOX	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Duran cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	.344
Verdugo rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.298
Turner dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.265
McGuire c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.292
Devers 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.261
Casas 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.185
Tapia lf-cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.241
Reyes ss-p	4	0	2	0	0	1	.500
Valdez 2b-ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.294
C.Wong c-2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	.230
TOTALS	33	1	9	1	1	8	—

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E: Verdugo (1), Valdez (4). **LOB:** Seattle 9, Boston 7. **2B:** Ju.Rodríguez (7), France 2 (12), Crawford (9), Duran (13), Devers (11). **HR:** Raleigh (6), off Houck; Raleigh (7), off Bernardino; Suárez (4), off Bleier.

MARINERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kirby	6⅔	8	1	1	1	6	2.45
Speier	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	1.80
Saucedo	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00
Flexen	1	1	0	0	0	0	7.46

RED SOX	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Houck	5	5	4	4	1	5	5.48
Bernardino	1⅓	3	1	1	0	2	3.65
Schreiber	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.12
Bleier	1⅓	5	4	2	0	2	5.79
Reyes	1	2	1	1	2	0	9.00

WP: Kirby (5-2); **LP:** Houck (3-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Speier 2-0, Bernardino 2-2, Schreiber 1-0, Bleier 1-0. **HBP:** Speier (Refsnyder). **WP:** Speier, Bleier. **T:** 2:58. **A:** 31,744 (37,755).

Cardinals 18, Brewers 1

Nolan Arenado homered in his fourth straight game and Nolan Gorman had a career-high five RBI to lead St. Louis over Milwaukee for its season-best fourth consecutive win.

Andrew Knizner hit his first career grand slam in a 10-run eighth after entering as a pinch runner.

BREWERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Yelich lf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.258
Miller lf-2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.324
Winker dh-lf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.232
Adames ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.213
Brosseau 2b-p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Tellez 1b	2	0	2	0	2	0	.256
Willi.Contreras c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.257
Anderson 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.243
Ruf ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Turang 2b-ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Taylor rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.179
Wiemer cf	3	1	1	0	0	2	.207
TOTALS	32	1	6	1	3	11	—

CARDINALS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Nootbaar cf	4	4	2	0	2	2	.310
Goldschmidt 1b	3	1	2	2	2	0	.319
Knizner pr-1b	1	2	1	4	0	0	.226
Gorman dh	5	2	3	5	1	0	.283
Arenado 3b	3	1	2	4	0	0	.264
Yepez ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.240
Wills.Contreras c	4	0	0	0	1	1	.250
Donovan rf-3b	3	1	0	0	2	1	.254
DeJong ss	4	2	1	0	0	2	.305
Burleson lf	5	1	1	1	0	0	.224
Edman 2b	5	4	4	2	0	0	.260
TOTALS	38	18	16	18	8	7	—

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LOB: Milwaukee 7, St. Louis 6. **2B:** Goldschmidt (16), Gorman (8). **HR:** Arenado (7), off Peralta; Edman (6), off Varland; Gorman (10), off Varland; Knizner (3), off Brosseau.

BREWERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Peralta	5⅓	6	6	6	5	4	4.11
Wilson	1⅔	3	2	2	0	2	3.32
Varland	⅔	6	9	9	3	1	11.4
Brosseau	⅓	1	1	1	0	0	27.0

CARDINALS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Flaherty	7	3	0	0	2	10	5.24
Naile	2	3	1	1	1	1	4.15

WP: Flaherty (3-4); **LP:** Peralta (4-3). **Inherited runners-scored:** Wilson 2-2, Brosseau 3-3. **HBP:** Peralta (DeJong). **WP:** Peralta. **T:** 2:36. **A:** 34,548 (44,494).

Braves 12, Rangers 0

Kevin Pillar and Ronald Acuña Jr. each hit a two-run homer in the second inning, spoiling Cody Bradford's big league debut, as Atlanta routed Texas in an interleague matchup of division leaders.

Orlando Arcia, Austin Riley and Marcell Ozuna also socked two-run shots for the Braves.

BRAVES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Acuña Jr. rf	4	1	1	2	1	3	.344
Olson 1b	4	2	1	1	1	1	.227
Albies 2b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.264
Riley 3b	5	1	1	2	0	1	.245
Murphy c	4	2	1	0	0	0	.268
Ozuna dh	5	1	1	2	0	2	.172
Pillar lf	5	1	2	2	0	0	.278
Harris II cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	.219
Arcia ss	2	3	2	2	2	0	.333
TOTALS	38	12	12	12	4	7	—

RANGERS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	5	0	3	0	0	0	.297
Grossman lf	5	0	1	0	0	0	.244
Lowe 1b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.259
García rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Thompson rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Jung 3b	3	0	1	0	0	2	.248
Miller 3b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.196
Heim c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.315
Huff c	1	0	1	0	0	0	.286
Duran ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.293
J.Smith dh	4	0	1	0	0	2	.212
Taveras cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.293
TOTALS	37	0	10	0	1	12	—

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E: Harris II (2). **LOB:** Atlanta 4, Texas 11. **2B:** Albies 2 (9), Arcia (6), Olson (7), Harris II (4). **HR:** Pillar (5), off Bradford; Acuña Jr. (9), off Bradford; Arcia (3), off Ragans; Riley (7), off Ragans; Ozuna (8), off León.

BRAVES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton	6⅔	7	0	0	1	10	2.85
Young	2⅓	3	0	0	0	2	1.08

RANGERS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bradford	5	7	6	6	2	3	10.8
Ragans	3	4	4	4	2	4	6.23
León	1	1	2	2	0	0	18.0

WP: Morton (5-3); **LP:** Bradford (0-1). **Inherited runners-scored:** Young 2-0. **HBP:** León (Murphy). **T:** 2:31. **A:** 26,791 (40,000).

Astros 6, Cubs 4

Alex Bregman hit a tie-breaking two-run home run in the seventh inning to power Houston to a win over Chicago.

The Astros led 4-0 after the first inning, but Christopher Morel slugged a three-run homer as the Cubs tied it by scoring four in the fourth.

CUBS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Morel lf-cf	5	1	1	3	0	4	.346
Swanson ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.280
Happ dh	3	0	1	0	1	2	.303
Suzuki rf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.257
Bellinger cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	.271
Mastrobuoni ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.174
Wisdom 3b	3	0	1	0	1	2	.242
Mancini 1b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.258
Gomes c	3	0	0	1	0	2	.300
Madrigal 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.253
TOTALS	33	4	8	4	3	16	—

ASTROS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Dubón 2b	4	2	3	0	0	0	.303
Bregman 3b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.212
Alvarez lf	2	1	1	0	2	0	.291
Tucker rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.264
J.Abreu 1b	3	1	2	2	1	1	.223
Peña ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.255
McCormick dh	4	0	2	1	0	0	.250
Meyers cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Maldonado c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.183
TOTALS	32	6	11	6	3	6	—

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LOB: Chicago 6, Houston 6. **2B:** Wisdom (5), J.Abreu (7), McCormick (4). **HR:** Morel (4), off Valdez; Bregman (5), off Fulmer.

CUBS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Taillon	4⅔	7	4	4	1	1	6.66
Hughes	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.68
Alzolay	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
Fulmer	⅔	2	2	2	1	1	7.50
Estrada	1⅓	1	0	0	1	3	0.00

ASTROS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Valdez	4	7	4	4	2	8	2.84
Maton	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.90
Martinez	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.41
Montero	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.48
Stanek	1	0	0	0	0	3	4.73
Neris	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.47

WP: Montero (1-3); **LP:** Fulmer (0-3); **S:** Neris (2). **Inherited runners-scored:** Hughes 1-0, Estrada 1-0. **HBP:** Taillon (Meyers). **T:** 2:35. **A:** 35,413 (41,000).

Rockies 9, Reds 8

Brenton Doyle had two home runs and a double as Colorado edged Cincinnati and improved to 9-4 in May.

The Reds scored a run off closer Pierce Johnson the ninth, but he hung on to record his seventh save in seven chances.

REDS	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
India 2b	5	1	2	1	0	2	.298
McLain ss	4	2	1	0	1	1	.250
Fraley lf	5	0	2	1	0	0	.273
Steer 1b	5	1	3	1	0	0	.254
Stephenson c	5	1	1	1	0	2	.255
Senzel 3b	2	1	1	1	3	0	.276
Ramos dh	4	2	2	0	1	0	.250
Myers rf	2	0	0	1	0	2	.198
Fairchild cf	3	0	0	1	0	2	.213
TOTALS	35	8	12	7	5	9	—

ROCKIES	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG
Blackmon dh	5	0	1	2	0	2	.279
McMahon 3b	3	1	1	0	2	2	.221
Bryant rf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.291
Moustakas 1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.233
Toglia 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Grichuk lf	3	2	2	0	1	0	.370
Castro 2b	4	1	3	3	0	0	.254
Tovar ss	4	0	0	0	0	4	.213
Wynns c	4	1	1	0	0	1	.300
Doyle cf	4	3	3	3	0	0	.250
TOTALS	36	9	12	9	3	11	—

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E: Bryant (3). **LOB:** Cincinnati 8, Colorado 6. **2B:** McLain (1), Steer (10), Stephenson (7), Ramos (2), Grichuk (5), Doyle (2), Castro (4). **3B:** Blackmon (1). **HR:** Moustakas (2), off Greene; Doyle (3), off Greene; Doyle (4), off Farmer.

REDS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greene	4	9	6	6	1	8	4.60
Lively	2⅓	1	1	1	0	1	1.69
Sims	⅔	1	1	1	1	1	0.82
Farmer	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.48

ROCKIES	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Seabold	4⅓	8	6	4	3	3	5.14
Suter	1⅔	1	0	0	0	3	1.01
Bard	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.08
Hand	1	1	1	1	0	2	3.31
Johnson	1	2	1	1	1	0	5.51

WP: Bard (1-0); **LP:** Lively (1-1); **S:** Johnson (7). **Inherited runners-scored:** Sims 1-1, Suter 2-1. **WP:** Greene, Seabold, Suter. **T:** 2:51. **A:** 20,259 (50,144).

NOTES

PERSONNEL DEPT.

Angels: Placed 3B Anthony Rendon (groin) on the 10-day injured list and recalled IF Livan Soto from Class AA Rocket City.

Brewers: 1B-OF Darin Ruf agreed to a one-year contract, two days after he chose free agency rather than accept an outright assignment to the minor leagues with the Giants.

Orioles: Recalled RHP Logan Gillaspie from Norfolk and optioned OF Kyle Stowers to the Class AAA team.

Rays: Reinstated RHP Peter Fairbanks from the 15-day IL and optioned RHP Chris Muller to Class AAA Durham.

Red Sox: Designated RHP Ryan Brasier for assignment and activated LHP Joely Rodríguez from the IL.

Rockies: Placed 1B C.J. Cron (back spasms) on the 10-day IL.

TODAY

NL games

NATIONALS AT MARLINS, 6:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Gray (R)	3-5	2.96	3-5
Luzardo (L)	3-2	3.38	6-2
BREWERS AT CARDINALS, 7:45			
Miley (L)	3-2	3.60	4-3
Montgomery (L)	2-5	4.11	2-6
REDS AT ROCKIES, 8:40			
TBD	----	----	----
Anderson (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0
PHILLIES AT GIANTS, 9:45			
Wheeler (R)	3-2	3.80	5-3
Cobb (R)	3-1	1.70	5-3

NL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Game 1: at Washington 3, N.Y. Mets 2
Game 2: N.Y. Mets 8, at Washington 2
at Miami 3, Cincinnati 1
at Colorado 4, Philadelphia 0
at L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 0
at Arizona 2, San Francisco 1

MONDAY'S RESULTS
at Washington 10, N.Y. Mets 3
at St. Louis 18, Milwaukee 1
at Colorado 9, Cincinnati 8
Philadelphia at San Francisco, late

AL games

ANGELS AT ORIOLES, 6:35	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Silseth (R)	0-0	3.24	0-0
Kremer (R)	4-1	4.97	5-3
YANKEES AT BLUE JAYS, 7:07			
Germán (R)	2-3	4.00	3-5
Gausman (R)	2-3	3.38	4-4
MARINERS AT RED SOX, 7:10			
Castillo (R)	2-1	2.70	4-4
Pivetta (R)	2-3	6.23	3-4
GUARDIANS AT WHITE SOX, 8:10			
Bieber (R)	3-1	2.61	3-5
Lynn (R)	1-5	7.51	1-7

AL scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 3
Tampa Bay 8, at N.Y. Yankees 7
at Detroit 5, Seattle 3
Houston 4, at Chicago White Sox 3
Texas 11, at Oakland 3

MONDAY'S RESULTS
L.A. Angels 9, at Baltimore 5
N.Y. Yankees 7, at Toronto 4
Seattle 10, at Boston 1

Interleague games

PIRATES AT TIGERS, 6:40	W-L	ERA	TEAM
Ortiz (R)	0-1	3.60	0-1
Lorenzen (R)	1-2	4.18	2-3
RAYS AT METS, 7:10			
Beeks (L)	1-2	5.40	1-2
Verlander (R)	1-1	2.25	1-1
BRAVES AT RANGERS, 8:05			
TBD	----	----	----
Dunning (R)	3-0	1.72	1-1
CUBS AT ASTROS, 8:10			
Steele (L)	6-0	1.82	6-2
Javier (R)	3-1	3.47	6-2
DIAMONDBACKS AT ATHLETICS, 9:40			
Henry (L)	1-1	4.43	3-1
Muller (L)	1-3	7.34	2-6
ROYALS AT PADRES, 9:40			
Singer (R)	2-4	7.71	4-4
Lugo (R)	3-2	3.18	4-3
TWINS AT DODGERS, 10:10			
Ober (R)	2-0	1.85	3-1
Kershaw (L)	6-2	2.36	6-2

Interleague scores

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 4, at Baltimore 0
at Toronto 6, Atlanta 5
at Minnesota 16, Chicago Cubs 3
at Milwaukee 9, Kansas City 6
St. Louis 9, at Boston 1

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Atlanta 12, at Texas 0
at Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 4
Arizona at Oakland, late
Kansas City at San Diego, late
Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers, late

Mage draws No. 3 post for Preakness

Kentucky Derby winner is listed as 8-5 favorite in a field of eight horses

BY CHILDS WALKER

Kentucky Derby champion Mage is an 8-5 favorite for Saturday's Preakness Stakes in an eight-horse field devoid of opponents he faced in the first leg of the Triple Crown series.

Mage arrived at Pimlico Race Course on Sunday morning in Baltimore after an overnight van ride from Kentucky. He took his first jog and gallop over the Pimlico dirt Monday and adapted well, co-owner and assistant trainer Gustavo Delgado Jr. said.

"He looked pretty good — relaxed, quiet," Delgado said after watching the workout beside his father and Mage's trainer, Gustavo Delgado Sr. "So far, so good."

That's been the message from the Delgados since Mage returned to the track at Churchill Downs on Tuesday, three days after his career-best effort in the Derby. They did not commit to a Preakness run immediately, saying they wanted to be cautious with a colt who did not race as a 2-year-old. But his voracious appetite and energetic morning gallops told them he would be ready to run again two weeks after the Derby.

"All the right signs," the younger Delgado said at Monday's post-position draw.

None of the other 17 starters in the Derby will run at Pimlico, another sign that the two-week turnaround from the Derby to the Preakness is out of step with modern training habits. This is the smallest group of Derby horses in the race since the Triple Crown series went to its current format 54 years ago. The Preakness lost another potentially tasty storyline when Forte, the Derby favorite until he was scratched because of a foot bruise, was declared ineligible under Kentucky veterinary rules.

"Forte, Angel of Empire, Two Phil's, maybe even Tapit Trice, they might all be candidates to come back for the Preakness under different circumstances," NBC analyst Randy Moss said. "So, yeah, this is another in a series of examples how the Preakness would be a much stronger race, and the Triple Crown much stronger as a whole, with modern spacing of the races."

Without any apparent progress in that direction, Mage, who will break from the No. 3 post (the Delgados would have preferred an outside position), will instead face a field of more rested, less accomplished challengers.

Trainer Chad Brown will try to win his third Preakness with Blazing Sevens, who, like Mage, arrived at Pimlico on Sunday and went to the track for the first time Monday morning. Brown won in 2017 with Cloud Computing and last year with Early Voting, neither of whom ran in the Derby, so he'll attempt to triple down with the same formula.

Blazing Sevens will start from the No. 7 post as a 6-1 fourth choice in the morning line, set by Pimlico handicapper Keith Feustle.

Trainer Bob Baffert, a seven-time Preakness winner, will be back in the race for the first time since 2021 with National Treasure, who finished fourth in the Santa Anita Derby in his last start.

National Treasure will start from the No. 1 post as a 4-1 third

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choice in the morning line. If he wins, Baffert would break a tie with 19th-century trainer R. Wyndham Walden for the most Preakness victories in history.

Trainer Steve Asmussen, meanwhile, will try to win his third Preakness with Red Route One, winner of the Bath House Row Stakes at Arkansas's Oaklawn Park in his last start. Asmussen decided Monday morning not to bring fourth-place Derby finisher Disarm to Pimlico.

Red Route One will start from the No. 5 post as a 10-1 fifth choice in the morning line.

Perform earned his berth in the Preakness with a win in the Federico Tesio Stakes at Laurel Park. His owners had to pay an extra $150,000 to get him in the field because he was not originally nominated for the Triple Crown series, but trainer Shug McGaughey said they did not hesitate.

McGaughey, whose trainee, Easy Goer, lost one of the greatest duels in Preakness history to Sunday Silence in 1989, said Perform will have a solid chance Saturday if the early pace is quick enough to set him up for a late charge.

"Obviously, we hope we'd get a little speed in front of us, which we probably will," McGaughey said. "In these races, they usually do. I hope we're finishing with Mage and can outkick him. But I think that just the two turns on the dirt, the distance, the mile and three-sixteenths, the timing is pretty good."

Perform will break from the No. 6 post as a 15-1 choice in the morning line.

— Baltimore Sun

BARRY SVRLUGA

Abrams faced with a teachable moment

SVRLUGA FROM D1

when a generally genteel crowd of 15,220 gathered for the series finale. With one out, a runner on first and the Nats up 3-1 in the top of the fourth, Mets right fielder Starling Marte hit a grounder to second that Luis García fielded cleanly. García turned his body and made the feed to Abrams to get the force at second — and Abrams jogged across the bag, recording the out but apparently headed to the dugout.

Now, Marte's a decent runner, and maybe Abrams couldn't have doubled him up even if he had made the throw. That's not the point. The point is Abrams *has* to know the situation. Any baseball person will tell you: Physical errors are going to happen. Mental errors cannot.

"It's tough," said veteran lefty Patrick Corbin, who was put in the position to have to fire extra bullets to get out of the inning. "Just those mental mistakes, you try to minimize those. I mean, sometimes it happens. I'm sure he came in, I'm sure somebody said something to him just about it."

Corbin was diplomatic, but he indirectly raises an interesting point: As this Nationals clubhouse evolves into one that isn't satisfied with playing .500 baseball for more than a month — which is essentially what this group has done, following a 1-6 start with a 17-17 stretch — who will set the standard? There's no one who even closely resembles a Ryan Zimmerman, a Jayson Werth, a Max Scherzer in standing or stature.

Right now, it falls to Martinez. His reaction, in the moment: "I'm not happy."

As Abrams went back to his position, the Mets' inning still alive, Martinez stewed. Bench Abrams, who can be such a force, to set an example?

"Ultimately, I could probably say, 'Hey, we'll sit him tomorrow,' " Martinez said. "But he's young, and this is part of the process with these guys. You think about [benching him], but, hey, he was still in the game, and we need him to catch the baseball for Corbin. . . . I talked to him right after it happened."

What was that conversation like, CJ?

"He didn't say nothing," Abrams said. "He just looked at me and smiled. I mean, it happens. I got to remember the outs."

Martinez's memory of the conversation is slightly different.

"I said, 'Hey, you got to pay attention to what's going on every pitch,' " Martinez said. "I



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Nationals shortstop CJ Abrams greets first base coach Eric Young Jr. after hitting a sixth-inning homer in a 10-3 win over the Mets.

reminded him, like when I was playing, we all — after every out — we just held up a finger. It's a reminder to you, really, not just to your teammates.

"I said you got to do that. That's a big moment. To turn two right there, you got to think about Patrick Corbin, the pitch count. But you got to stay focused in the game."

Martinez is relentlessly positive, and maybe that helped in 2019, when 19-31 was the bumpy road that led to the most beautiful place. It also dictated how he handled this situation Monday, with a light touch rather than a tongue lashing. For a day, it worked. Corbin retired the next hitter, and Abrams's stolen base and first run scored came in the bottom half of the inning in which he lost track of the outs. His second homer of the series came two innings after that.

"I think if I was to not talk to him about it, or talk to him in a different tone, it might affect him," Martinez said. "But I tried to explain to him what happened, what needs to transpire the next time it does happen and how we can avoid it happening again. I think he appreciates that more than me saying: 'Hey, you're going to sit. Go take a shower.' "

It has been stated and restated that this is a year of growth for the Nationals, and after more than a month of .500 baseball against quality competition, there are plenty of positives to pick through. Monday raises an interesting issue: What are acceptable growing pains? And what's just bad baseball? What Abrams did Monday is bad baseball in Little League, in college, in the minors. In the majors, it just can't happen. When it does, might as well own it.

Abrams took a different tack.

"I didn't really think about it much at all," he said. "Just go up there and do my thing. Davey was talking about just kind of remind myself how many outs there are by putting it up [with his fingers] or whatever, but we'll be all right."

Whether the Nats won or lost Monday isn't going to matter for the big-picture development of this franchise. What does matter, and greatly, is Abrams — how he plays today, how he plays tomorrow, how he plays in September and in 2024 and beyond.

So much of this rebuild of the Nationals hinges on him. Maybe that's hyperbolic, but if so, only slightly. Put it this way: If the Nats are right about him, they don't have to worry about a premium defensive position for six years and they can place their draft, development, trade and free agency efforts elsewhere. If they're wrong? Ooof. Reset all that, because their grocery list would have to include a shortstop. How nice it would be to cross that item off and say, "No, we already picked up one of those in the Juan Soto trade."

This is a vote that Abrams is the solution. But whether that's the case, he has to be one of the players setting the standard, not having to be reminded of it.

"He knows I can only tolerate so much," Martinez said. "They all do. If it continues to happen, then it becomes a problem."

It wasn't a problem — not a big one — Monday. Keep an eye on it all going forward. CJ Abrams is a central character in what the Nats believe will be a winning core in future seasons. How he grows from experiences such as Monday's will be a major aspect of whether their belief will be realized.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED BUCKS, 4-1
Game 1: Miami 130, at Milwaukee 117
Game 2: at Milwaukee, 138, Miami 122
Game 3: at Miami 121, Milwaukee 99
Game 4: at Miami 119, Milwaukee 114
Game 5: Miami 128, at Milwaukee 126 (OT)

CELTICS ELIMINATED HAWKS, 4-2
Game 1: at Boston 112, Atlanta 99
Game 2: at Boston 119, Atlanta 106
Game 3: at Atlanta 130, Boston 122
Game 4: Boston 129, at Atlanta 121
Game 5: Atlanta 119, at Boston 117
Game 6: Boston 128, at Atlanta 120

76ERS ELIMINATED NETS, 4-0
Game 1: at Philadelphia 121, Brooklyn 101
Game 2: at Philadelphia 96, Brooklyn 84
Game 3: Philadelphia 102, at Brooklyn 97
Game 4: Philadelphia 96, at Brooklyn 88

KNICKS ELIMINATED CAVALIERS, 4-1
Game 1: New York 101, at Cleveland 97
Game 2: at Cleveland 107, New York 90
Game 3: at New York 99, Cleveland 79
Game 4: at New York 102, Cleveland 93
Game 5: New York 106, at Cleveland 95

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED TIMBERWOLVES, 4-1
Game 1: at Denver 109, Minnesota 80
Game 2: at Denver 122, Minnesota 113
Game 3: Denver 120, at Minnesota 111
Game 4: at Minnesota 114, Denver 108 (OT)
Game 5: at Denver 112, Minnesota 109

LAKERS ELIMINATED GRIZZLIES, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 128, at Memphis 112
Game 2: at Memphis 103, L.A. Lakers 93
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 111, Memphis 101
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 111 (OT)
Game 5: at Memphis 116, L.A. Lakers 99
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 125, Memphis 85

WARRIORS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-3
Game 1: at Sacramento 126, Golden State 123
Game 2: at Sacramento 114, Golden State 106
Game 3: at Golden State 114, Sacramento 97
Game 4: at Golden State 126, Sacramento 125
Game 5: Golden State 123, at Sacramento 116
Game 6: Sacramento 118, at Golden State 99
Game 7: Golden State 120, at Sacramento 100

SUNS ELIMINATED CLIPPERS, 4-1
Game 1: L.A. Clippers 115, at Phoenix 110
Game 2: at Phoenix 123, L.A. Clippers 109
Game 3: Phoenix 129, at L.A. Clippers 124
Game 4: Phoenix 112, at L.A. Clippers 100
Game 5: at Phoenix 136, L.A. Clippers 130

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT ELIMINATED KNICKS, 4-2
Game 1: Miami 108, at New York 101
Game 2: at New York 111, Miami 105
Game 3: at Miami 105, New York 86
Game 4: at Miami 109, New York 101
Game 5: at New York 112, Miami 103
Game 6: at Miami 96, New York 92

CELTICS ELIMINATED 76ERS, 4-3
Game 1: Philadelphia 119, at Boston 115
Game 2: at Boston 121, Philadelphia 87
Game 3: Boston 114, at Philadelphia 102
Game 4: at Philadelphia 116, Boston 115 (OT)
Game 5: Philadelphia 115, at Boston 103
Game 6: Boston 95, at Philadelphia 86
Game 7: at Boston 112, Philadelphia 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS ELIMINATED SUNS, 4-2
Game 1: at Denver 125, Phoenix 107
Game 2: at Denver 97, Phoenix 87
Game 3: at Phoenix 121, Denver 114
Game 4: at Phoenix 129, Denver 124
Game 5: at Denver 118, Phoenix 102
Game 6: Denver 125, at Phoenix 100

LAKERS ELIMINATED WARRIORS, 4-2
Game 1: L.A. Lakers 117, at Golden State 112
Game 2: at Golden State 127, L.A. Lakers 100
Game 3: at L.A. Lakers 127, Golden State 97
Game 4: at L.A. Lakers 104, Golden State 101
Game 5: at Golden State 121, L.A. Lakers 106
Game 6: at L.A. Lakers 122, Golden State 101

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HEAT VS. CELTICS
Wednesday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
Friday's game: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TNT
Sunday's game: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
Tuesday, May 23: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TNT
x-Thursday, May 25: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TBA
x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Miami, 8:30, TBA
x-Monday, May 29: Miami at Boston, 8:30, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
NUGGETS VS. L.A. LAKERS
Tuesday's game: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN
Thursday's game: L.A. Lakers at Denver, 8:30, ESPN
Saturday's game: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ABC
Monday, May 22: Denver at L.A. Lakers, 8:30, ESPN
x-Wednesday, May 24: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA
x-Friday, May 26: Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
x-Sunday, May 28: L.A. Lakers at Denver, TBA

NBA FINALS
TBD

COLLEGE LACROSSE

NCAA men's tournament

PLAY-IN GAME
WEDNESDAY'S RESULT
at Delaware 25, Marist 10

FIRST ROUND
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
at Virginia 17, Richmond 8
at Notre Dame 20, Utah 7
at Georgetown 19, Yale 17
Army 16, at Maryland 15

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Johns Hopkins 22, Bryant 8
Michigan 15, at Cornell 14 (OT)
at Duke 12, Delaware 11
at Penn State 13, Princeton 12

QUARTERFINALS
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Virginia vs. Georgetown, noon, ESPNU
Michigan vs. Duke, 2:30, ESPNU

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Army vs. Penn State, noon, ESPNU
Johns Hopkins vs. Notre Dame, 2:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
SATURDAY, MAY 27
TBA, noon, ESPNU
TBA, 2:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD, PHILADELPHIA
MONDAY, MAY 29
TBA, 1, ESPNU

NCAA women's tournament

FIRST ROUND
FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Pennsylvania 13, Connecticut 8
Johns Hopkins 19, Massachusetts 8
at James Madison 12, Army 8
at North Carolina 16, Sacred Heart 5
at Loyola (Md.) 11, Fairfield 6
Michigan 13, Central Michigan 6
at Florida 13, Jacksonville 7
Maryland 11, Drexel 6
Richmond 18, Marquette 8
at Denver 10, Southern California 7
Stony Brook 12, Penn State 8
Notre Dame 21, Mercer 6
Albany 16, Virginia 14

SECOND ROUND
SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 16, Richmond 12
Notre Dame 16, at Florida 15
at Northwestern 8, Michigan 7
at James Madison 15, Maryland 14
at Boston College 9, Pennsylvania 7
at Loyola (Md.) 9, Stony Brook 8
at Syracuse 25, Johns Hopkins 8
at Denver 8, Albany 6

QUARTERFINALS
THURSDAY'S GAMES
Syracuse vs. James Madison, noon, ESPNU
Notre Dame vs. Boston College, 2:30, ESPNU
Denver vs. North Carolina, 5, ESPNU
Northwestern vs. Loyola (Md.), 7:30, ESPNU

SEMIFINALS
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
FRIDAY, MAY 26
TBA, 3, ESPNU
TBA, 5:30, ESPNU

CHAMPIONSHIP
AT WAKEMED SOCCER PARK, CARY, N.C.
SUNDAY, MAY 28
TBA, noon, ESPN

HOCKEY

Stanley Cup playoffs

FIRST ROUND
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED BRUINS, 4-3
Game 1: at Boston 3, Florida 1
Game 2: Florida 6, at Boston 3
Game 3: Boston 4, at Florida 2
Game 4: Boston 6, at Florida 2
Game 5: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)
Game 6: at Florida 7, Boston 5
Game 7: Florida 4, at Boston 3 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED ISLANDERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1
Game 2: at Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Game 3: at N.Y. Islanders 5, Carolina 1
Game 4: Carolina 5, at N.Y. Islanders 2
Game 5: N.Y. Islanders 3, at Carolina 2
Game 6: Carolina 2, at N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)

DEVILS ELIMINATED RANGERS, 4-3
Game 1: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 2: N.Y. Rangers 5, at New Jersey 1
Game 3: New Jersey 2, at N.Y. Rangers 1 (OT)
Game 4: New Jersey 3, at N.Y. Rangers 1
Game 5: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Game 6: at N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 2
Game 7: at New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 0

MAPLE LEAFS ELIMINATED LIGHTNING, 4-2
Game 1: Tampa Bay 7, at Toronto 3
Game 2: at Toronto 7, Tampa Bay 2
Game 3: Toronto 4, at Tampa Bay 3 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 5, at Tampa Bay 4 (OT)
Game 5: Tampa Bay 4, at Toronto 2
Game 6: Toronto 2, at Tampa Bay 1 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
OILERS ELIMINATED KINGS, 4-2
Game 1: Los Angeles 4, at Edmonton 3 (OT)
Game 2: at Edmonton 4, Los Angeles 2
Game 3: at Los Angeles 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)
Game 4: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4 (OT)
Game 5: at Edmonton 6, Los Angeles 3
Game 6: Edmonton 5, at Los Angeles 4

STARS ELIMINATED WILD, 4-2
Game 1: Minnesota 3, at Dallas 2 (2OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 7, Minnesota 3
Game 3: at Minnesota 5, Dallas 1
Game 4: Dallas 3, at Minnesota 2
Game 5: at Dallas 4, Minnesota 0
Game 6: Dallas 4, at Minnesota 1

KRAKEN ELIMINATED AVALANCHE, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 3 at Colorado 1
Game 2: at Colorado 3, Seattle 2
Game 3: Colorado 6, at Seattle 4
Game 4: at Seattle 3, Colorado 2
Game 5: Seattle 3, at Colorado 2
Game 6: Colorado 4, at Seattle 1
Game 7: Seattle 2, at Colorado 1

GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED JETS, 4-1
Game 1: Winnipeg 5, at Vegas 1
Game 2: at Vegas 5, Winnipeg 2
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Winnipeg 4 (2OT)
Game 4: Vegas 4, at Winnipeg 2
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Winnipeg 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
Best of seven.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
PANTHERS ELIMINATED MAPLE LEAFS, 4-1
Game 1: Florida 4, at Toronto 2
Game 2: Florida 3, at Toronto 2
Game 3: at Florida 3, Toronto 2 (OT)
Game 4: Toronto 2, at Florida 1
Game 5: Florida 3, at Toronto 2 (OT)

HURRICANES ELIMINATED DEVILS, 4-1
Game 1: at Carolina 5, New Jersey 1
Game 2: at Carolina 6, New Jersey 1
Game 3: at New Jersey 8, Carolina 4
Game 4: Carolina 6, at New Jersey 1
Game 5: at Carolina 3, New Jersey 2 (OT)

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS ELIMINATED OILERS, 4-2
Game 1: at Vegas 6, Edmonton 4
Game 2: Edmonton 5, at Vegas 1
Game 3: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 1
Game 4: at Edmonton 4, Vegas 1
Game 5: at Vegas 4, Edmonton 3
Game 6: Vegas 5, at Edmonton 2

STARS ELIMINATED KRAKEN, 4-3
Game 1: Seattle 5, at Dallas 4 (OT)
Game 2: at Dallas 4, Seattle 2
Game 3: at Seattle 7, Dallas 2
Game 4: Dallas 6, at Seattle 3
Game 5: at Dallas 5, Seattle 2
Game 6: at Seattle 6, Dallas 3
Game 7: at Dallas 2, Seattle 1

CONFERENCE FINALS
Best of seven; x-If necessary.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
HURRICANES VS. PANTHERS
Thursday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
Saturday's game: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
Monday's game: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
Wednesday, May 24: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Friday, May 26: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT
x-Sunday, May 28: Carolina at Florida, 8, TNT
x-Tuesday, May 30: Florida at Carolina, 8, TNT

WESTERN CONFERENCE
GOLDEN KNIGHTS VS. STARS
Friday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 8:30, TBA
Sunday's game: Dallas at Vegas, 3, TBA
Tuesday, May 23: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
Thursday, May 25: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Saturday, May 27: Dallas at Vegas, 8, ABC
x-Monday, May 29: Vegas at Dallas, 8, ESPN
x-Wenesday, May 31: Dallas at Vegas, 9, ESPN

STANLEY CUP FINALS
TBD

Stars 2, Kraken 1

SEATTLE	0	0	1	— 1
DALLAS	0	1	1	— 2

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Dallas, Hintz 9, 15:59.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 2, Dallas, Johnston 4 (Harley, Dadonov), 12:48. 3, Seattle, Bjorkstrand 4 (Gourde), 19:42.

SHOTS ON GOAL

SEATTLE	9	6	8	— 23
DALLAS	9	11	8	— 28

Power-play opportunities: Seattle 0 of 1; Dallas 0 of 1. **Goalies:** Seattle, Grubauer 7-7-0 (28 shots-26 saves). Dallas, Oettinger 8-5-0 (23-22). **A:** 18,756 (18,532). **T:** 2:21.

Golden Knights 5, Oilers 2

Late Sunday

VEGAS	1	3	1	— 5
EDMONTON	2	0	0	— 2

FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: 1, Vegas, Smith 2, 0:24. 2, Edmonton, McDavid 8 (Kulak, Kane), 0:55. 3, Edmonton, Foegele 2 (Ryan, McLeod), 2:43.

SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: 4, Vegas, Marchessault 3 (Barbashev, Theodore), 4:26. 5, Vegas, Marchessault 4 (Martinez, Barbashev), 7:44. 6, Vegas, Marchessault 5 (Pietrangelo, Eichel), 18:36.

THIRD PERIOD
Scoring: 7, Vegas, Karlsson 5 (Roy), 19:21 (en).

SHOTS ON GOAL

VEGAS	7	10	5	— 22
EDMONTON	15	13	13	— 41

Power-play opportunities: Vegas 0 of 2; Edmonton 0 of 1. **Goalies:** Vegas, Hill 3-1-0 (41 shots-39 saves). Edmonton, Campbell 1-0-0 (4-4), Edmonton, Skinner 5-6-0 (17-13). **A:** 18,347 (18,641). **T:** 2:27.

PRO FOOTBALL

USFL

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Jersey	2	3	0	.400	96	87
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	82	86
Michigan	2	3	0	.400	83	103
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	90	130
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
New Orleans	4	1	0	.800	135	111
Houston	3	2	0	.600	142	129
Birmingham	3	2	0	.600	144	104
Memphis	2	3	0	.400	97	119

WEEK 5
SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Pittsburgh 23, at Michigan 7
Houston 27, at Birmingham 20

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at Philadelphia 24, New Jersey 21
Memphis 17, at New Orleans 10

WEEK 6
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at Memphis, 12:30
Birmingham at Michigan, 4

SUNDAY'S GAMES
New Orleans at Philadelphia, noon
New Jersey at Houston, 4

WEEK 7
SATURDAY, MAY 27
Birmingham at New Orleans, 4
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 9

SUNDAY, MAY 28
Houston at Memphis, 2:30
Michigan at New Jersey, 5:30

SOCCER

MLS

EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New England	7	2	3	24	19	11
Cincinnati	7	1	3	24	15	12
Nashville	5	3	4	19	15	7
Atlanta	5	4	3	18	21	21
Philadelphia	5	4	2	17	17	14
Inter Miami CF	5	6	0	15	12	12
CF Montréal	5	6	0	15	11	17
Columbus	4	4	3	15	21	14
D.C. United	4	5	3	15	16	16
New York City FC	4	5	3	15	14	15
Orlando City	4	4	3	15	12	14
Charlotte FC	4	5	3	15	16	22
Chicago	3	3	5	14	14	16
New York	2	4	6	12	8	11
Toronto FC	2	4	6	12	13	17
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Seattle	7	3	2	23	19	9
Los Angeles FC	6	1	3	21	20	8
St. Louis City SC	6	4	1	19	22	13
FC Dallas	5	3	3	18	13	11
San Jose	5	4	3	18	16	16
Portland	4	5	3	15	18	19
Houston	4	4	2	14	10	9
Vancouver	3	3	5	14	15	12
Minnesota United	3	5	3	12	10	14
Colorado	2	4	6	12	10	14
Real Salt Lake	3	6	2	11	10	20
Austin FC	2	5	4	10	10	17
LA Galaxy	2	6	3	9	10	18
Sporting KC	2	7	3	9	8	16

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Nashville 1, at D.C. United 1
at Chicago 1, St. Louis City SC 0
Charlotte FC 3, at Atlanta 1
Orlando City 2, at Columbus 2
at Miami 2, New England 1
at CF Montréal 2, Toronto FC 0
at New York 1, New York City FC 0
FC Dallas 1, at Austin FC 0
Seattle 1, at Houston 0
at Sporting KC 3, Minnesota 0
Philadelphia 2, at Colorado 1
Los Angeles FC 3, at Real Salt Lake 0
Portland 3, at Vancouver 1

SUNDAY'S RESULT
at LA Galaxy 2, San Jose 1

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
D.C. United at Philadelphia, 7:30
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:30
Chicago at Charlotte FC, 7:30
CF Montréal at Cincinnati, 7:30
LA Galaxy at Columbus, 7:30
New York City FC at Orlando City, 7:30
New York at Toronto FC, 7:30
Vancouver at FC Dallas, 8:30
Houston at Minnesota, 8:30
Miami at Nashville, 8:30
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 9:30
Sporting KC at Los Angeles FC, 10:30
Austin FC at Seattle, 10:30

NWSL

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	4	0	3	15	10	5
OL Reign	4	2	1	13	12	6
Gotham FC	4	2	1	13	7	6
Portland	3	1	3	12	18	10
San Diego	4	3	0	12	12	10
North Carolina	3	3	1	10	8	9
Houston	2	2	3	9	5	6
Angel City	2	3	2	8	11	13
Louisville	1	2	4	7	9	9
Orlando	2	4	1	7	5	11
Kansas City	2	5	0	6	9	14
Chicago	1	5	1	4	11	18

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
at North Carolina 1, OL Reign 0
Orlando 0, at Gotham FC 0
San Diego 2, at Kansas City 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Washington at Orlando, 7
Angel City at North Carolina, 7
Louisville at Kansas City, 8
San Diego at Houston, 8:30

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Chicago at Portland, 5
Gotham FC at OL Reign, 6

TENNIS

ATP/WTA

ITALIAN OPEN
At Foro Italico; In Rome
Purse: $8,448,771; **Surface:** Red clay

MEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Borna Coric (15), Croatia, def. Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1; Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, def. Marco Cecchinato, Italy, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Fabian Marozsan, Hungary, def. Carlos Alcaraz (2), Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); Andrey Rublev (6), Russia, def. Alejandro Davidovich Fokina (27), Spain, 7-6 (10-8), 6-3; Daniil Medvedev (3), Russia, def. Bernabe Zapata Miralles (31), Spain, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES — ROUND OF 16
Anhelina Kalinina (30), Ukraine, def. Madison Keys (19), United States, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4; Zheng Qinwen (22), China, def. Wang Xiyu, China, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; Beatriz Haddad Maia (12), Brazil, def. Camila Osorio, Colombia, 6-3, 6-3; Veronika Kudermetova (11), Russia, def. Marie Bouzkova (27), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2; Elena Rybakina (7), Kazakhstan, def. Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3; Jelena Ostapenko (20), Latvia, def. Daria Kasatkina (8), Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.

MEN'S DOUBLES — ROUND OF 16
Jason Kubler and Alex de Minaur, Australia, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Matthew Ebden (7), Australia, 2-6, 7-6 (10-8), 12-10; Marcel Granollers, Spain, and Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, def. Daniel Evans, Britain, and Ben Shelton, United States, 6-1, 7-6 (7-1); Hugo Nys, Monaco, and Jan Zielinski, Poland, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Austin Krajicek (3), United States, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2; Rajeev Ram, United States, and Joe Salisbury (2), Britain, def. Andrea Pellegrino and Andrea Vavassori, Italy, 7-6 (7-1), 6-7 (7-1), 10-7.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES — QUARTERFINALS
Storm Hunter, Australia, and Elise Mertens (4), Belgium, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, and Anna Danilina, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 6-2.

WTA

TROPHEE CLARINS
At Lagardere Paris Racing Club; In Paris
Purse: $115,000
Surface: Red clay

SINGLES — QUALIFICATION ROUND
Lois Boisson, France, def. Yana Morderger, Germany, 6-3, 6-2; Carol Zhao (4), Canada, def. Marine Partaud, France, 6-2, 6-2; Elizabeth Mandlik (1), United States, def. Amandine Hesse, France, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; Chloe Paquet, France, def. Elsa Jacquemot (2), France, 7-6, 6-3.

SINGLES — ROUND OF 32
Oksana Selekhmeteva, Russia, def. Sinja Kraus, Austria, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; Yuan Yue, China, def. Anna-Lena Friedsam (8), Germany, 6-1, 6-4; Varvara Gracheva (2), Russia, def. Carole Monnet, France, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

HIGH SCHOOLS

BASEBALL
VIRGINIA
Hayfield 12, Falls Church 0
Lake Braddock 5, Fairfax 4
Loudoun Valley 4, Lightridge 1
Rock Ridge 18, Loudoun County 8
West Springfield 5, Robinson 1
Woodgrove 11, Potomac Falls 1

SOFTBALL
MARYLAND
Clarksburg 11, Quince Orchard 2
Walter Johnson 7, Churchill 3

VIRGINIA
Falls Church 12, Edison 1
Loudoun Valley 8, Lightridge 2
Robinson 16, W.T. Woodson 6
Urbana 3, Northwest 1

GIRLS' LACROSSE
MARYLAND
Broadneck 15, South River 6

BOYS' LACROSSE
MARYLAND
Broadneck 10, South River 8
Oakdale 12, Poolesville 9
Severna Park 23, Chesapeake 0
Sherwood 18, Blake 6
Urbana 16, Quince Orchard 5

GIRLS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Briar Woods 4, Potomac Falls 1
Hayfield 8, Lewis 0
Heritage 5, Loudoun County 3
Herndon 5, McLean 1
Lightridge 7, Rock Ridge 0
Marshall 4, Langley 0
Riverside 2, Woodgrove 1
Tuscarora 3, Broad Run 1 (OT)

BOYS' SOCCER
VIRGINIA
Alexandria City 2, Robinson 1
Hayfield 2, Edison 0
Lightridge 2, Rock Ridge 1
McLean 7, Marshall 2
Oakton 1, Westfield 0
Osbourn Park 3, Patriot 1
Stone Bridge 2, Potomac Falls 1
Wakefield 1, Yorktown 0

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851 Prince Georges County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

ALLAN P. FEIGELSON
Substitute Trustee
Plaintiff
v.
MARJORIE JONES
Defendant(s)

Civil No. CAEF 22-30057

NOTICE

Notice, this **24 day of April, 2023** by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Allan P. Feigelson, Substitute Trustee, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **24 day of May, 2023**, next, provided a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Prince George's County once in each of three successive weeks before the **24 day of May, 2023**, next.

The report of sale states the amount of sale to be **$216,000.00**.

The address of the property is: **2135 N. Anvil Lane, Temple Hills, MD 20748.**

Mahasin El Amin #769
Clerk, Circuit Court for
Prince George's County

May 9, 16, 23, 20023 12421985

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Versus
Isabelle Carroll Staehlin
Evelyn Inez Seaman
Denise E. Ricks A/K/A
Denise Eugenia Hendrick
Defendants

NO. C-02-CV-23-000015

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, May 02, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **William M. Savage et al., Substitute Trustees**
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **1714 MANNING ROAD, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21061** to be **$230,000.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

May 9, 16, 23, 2023 12421774

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

William M. Savage, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Versus
Mary B Simmons
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-22-001979

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, May 02, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **William M. Savage et al., Substitute Trustees**
BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **1st** day of **June 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **623 BYWATER RD, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401** to be **$245,000.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

May 9, 16, 23, 2023 12421775

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Robert A. Jones, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Versus
Estate of Joan M. Wisniewski
Defendant

NO. C-02-CV-23-000002

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Tuesday, April 25, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Robert A. Jones, Substitute Trustee.**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **25th** day of **May 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **25th** day of **May 2023** , next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **45 CHESTER CIRCLE, GLEN BURNIE, MD 21060** to be **$210,600.00.**

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, Maryland

May 2, 9, 16, 2023 12420896

852 Anne Arundel County

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Diane S. Rosenberg, et al.
Substitute Trustees
Versus
Richard D Boswell
Defendant

No. C-02-CV-22-001958

NOTICE

Notice is hereby issued this **Monday, May 08, 2023** that the sale of the property in the proceedings mentioned, made and reported by **Mark D. Meyer, Substitute Trustee**

BE RATIFIED AND CONFIRMED, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the **7th day of June 2023** next; provided, a copy of this Notice be inserted in some newspaper published in Anne Arundel County, once in each of three successive weeks before the **7th day of June 2023 2023** next. The report states that the amount of sale of the property at **494 BRUCE AVENUE, ODENTON, MD 21113** to be **$272,000.00**.

Scott A. Poyer
Circuit Court For
Anne Arundel County, M.D.

May 16, 23, 30, 2023 12421995

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 13006 STANDISH COURT, WOODBRIDGE, VA 22192

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $420,750.00, with an annual interest rate of 6.700000% dated November 16, 2005, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Prince William** as Deed Instrument Number 200512090210102, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

Lot 97, Section 2, Lake Ridge

Tax Map No. 8292-89-1277

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: Conventional. Reference Number 22-290148.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

April 7, 2023
May 9, 16, 2023 12418928

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 10444 RATCLIFFE TRAIL, MANASSAS, VA 20110

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $365,990.00, with an annual interest rate of 4.750000% dated March 18, 2019, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Prince William** as Deed Instrument Number 201903180016588, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM,** the property with improvements to wit:

Condominium Unit 190, SM LANDING AT CANNON BRANCH CONDOMINIUM, Phase 3

Tax Map No. 102/103/190//

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: VA. Reference Number 20-285972.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

April 4, 2023
May 9, 16, 2023 12418661

815 Legal Notices

Department of Justice
Antitrust Division

Take notice that the United States has filed a proposed Final Judgment in a civil antitrust case in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, *United States of America v. ASSA ABLOY AB and Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.*, Civil Action No. 22-2791-ACR. On September 15, 2022, the United States filed a Complaint alleging that ASSA ABLOY's proposed acquisition of Spectrum Brands' Hardware and Home Improvement division would violate Section 7 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 18. The proposed Final Judgment, filed on May 5, 2023, requires ASSA ABLOY to divest its EMTEK-branded business, its Schaub-branded business, its August-branded business, and its Yale-branded multifamily and residential smart lock business in the United States and Canada. It also requires ASSA ABLOY and Spectrum Brands to submit to oversight by a monitoring trustee, who will have the power and authority to monitor ASSA ABLOY's and Spectrum Brands' compliance with the proposed Final Judgment. A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on May 5, 2023 describes the Complaint, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation.

Copies of the Complaint, proposed Final Judgment, Competitive Impact Statement, and the documents the United States considered determinative in formulating the proposed Final Judgment are available for inspection on the Antitrust Division's website at <http://www.justice.gov/atr> and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court named above.

Interested persons may address comments in English to Chief, Defense, Industrials, and Aerospace Section, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice, 450 Fifth Street NW, Suite 8700, Washington, DC 20530 within 60 days of the date of this notice. Such comments, including the name of the submitter, and responses thereto will be posted on the Antitrust Division's website, filed with the Court, and, under certain circumstances, published in the *Federal Register.*

820 Official Notices

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS
ONE COUNTY COMPLEX COURT
PRINCE WILLIAM, VIRGINIA 22192

May 23, 2023
Public Hearings

7:30 p.m.

1. **Special Use Permit #SUP2022-00026, RMFD Enterprises Home Business**: This is a request for a special use permit to allow a home-based business to buy and sell firearms with walk-in customers by appointment only, in a single-family dwelling. The property is located ±230 feet southwest of the intersection of Cockspur Lane and Thunderbolt Road in the Potomac Shores Community. The property is identified on County maps as GPIN 8288-68-6650 and is addressed 2765 Cockspur Lane. The site is zoned PMR, Planned Mixed Residential and is designated RN-2, Residential Neighborhood, in the Comprehensive Plan, and is located within the Marine Corps Base Quantico Special Planning Area. **Potomac Magisterial District**

2. **Special Use Permit #SUP2020-00007, Rock Water Farm**: To allow the construction of a ±18,400 SF equipment and material storage building, ±8,000 SF office, product display area, and storage bins/buildings for a landscaping services business in the A-1, Agricultural, zoning district. The subject ±44.40-acre property is located along northbound James Madison Highway (Rt. 15) and east of its intersection with Loudoun Dr.; is identified on County maps as GPINs 7301-16-5376 and 7301-16-7216; and is addressed as 2113 and 2115 James Madison Highway, respectively. The site is designated AF, Agriculture and Forestry, and is partially located within the Environmental Resource Protection Overlay in the Comprehensive Plan; is located within the Domestic Fowl Overlay District; and is partially located within the James Madison Highway Corridor Overlay District. **Gainesville Magisterial District**

For additional information regarding the Board meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Board at (703) 792-6600. All meeting materials are posted online when the agenda is published, and a copy of all staff reports, proposed resolutions and ordinances, and other documentation will be available for review by the public in the office of the Clerk of the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, 22192.

Members of the public may appear at the Board of County Supervisors' Chamber in the McCoart Building, One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, at the designated time to express their views.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: The hearings are being held at a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any persons with questions on the accessibility of the facility should contact the Clerk to the Board at One County Complex Court, Prince William, Virginia, or by telephone at (703) 792-6600 or TDD (703) 792-6295. Persons needing translation or interpreter services must notify the Clerk to the Board no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

825 Bids & Proposals

THE SEED PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
(6) 30lb Front loader Washer Machines

The SEED Public Charter School of Washington, D.C. is inviting firms to submit proposals for the removal and replacement of (6) 30 lb Front Loader Washer Machines. Additional specifications outlined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) may be obtained between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm from:

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Campus Operations Manager
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Washington, DC 20019
CDyson@seedschooldc.org
202-248-7773 x 5045

The deadline for submitting bids is May 22nd, 2023 at 12:00pm

All bids not addressing all areas as outlined in the RFP will not be considered.

873 Prince William County

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF 7017 OLD CAROLINA ROAD, GAINESVILLE, VA 20155

In execution of a Deed of Trust in the original principal amount of $435,000.00, with an annual interest rate of 5.080000% dated February 11, 2008, recorded among the land records of the Circuit Court for the **County of Prince William** as Deed Instrument Number 200803130023150, the undersigned appointed Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction all that property located in the County of Prince William, on the Court House steps in front of Main Entrance for the Circuit Court building for the County of Prince William located at 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **June 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM**, the property with improvements to wit:

02020 Lee Hwy/Rt 15/Old Carolina

Tax Map No. 7297-76-8414

THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

TERMS OF SALE: ALL CASH. A bidder's deposit of 10% of the sale price, will be required in cash, certified or cashier's check. Settlement within fifteen (15) days of sale, otherwise Trustees may forfeit deposit. Additional terms to be announced at sale. Loan type: FHA. Reference Number 22-292029.

PROFESSIONAL FORECLOSURE CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, Substitute Trustees, C/O LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP, 10021 Balls Ford Road, Suite 200, Manassas, Virginia 20109 (703) 449-5800.

March 30, 2023
May 9, 16, 2023 12418211

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840 Trustees Sale - DC

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Russell S. Drazin, Attorney
4400 Jenifer Street, NW, Suite 2
Washington, DC 20015
202-223-7900

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

1312 13th Street, NW, Unit 1
Washington, DC 20005
Lot 2232 in Square 0243

1312 13th Street, NW, Unit 3
Washington, DC 20005
Lot 2234 in Square 0243

1312 13th Street, NW, Unit 6
Washington, DC 20005
Lot 2237 in Square 0243

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated February 22, 2019 and recorded on March 19, 2019 as Instrument No. 2019027791 from Mira Development, LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to Jared Fausnaught ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of DP Capital LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated February 22, 2019 in the principal amount of $533,345.00 made by Borrower, as maker, payable to the order of Lender, as payee, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and following the mailing and recordation of a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee removing Original Trustee as trustee and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Substitute Trustee") as successor trustee, an Affidavit of Non-Residential Mortgage Foreclosure, and a Notice of Foreclosure Sale of Real Property or Condominium Unit, at the request of the current noteholder, Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the office of Harvey West Auctioneers, Inc., 5335 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 440, Washington, DC 20015, **(Please Note: In the event that the office building at 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW is closed, all scheduled Washington, DC sales will take place at the front entrance door of the Chevy Chase Pavilion)** on

MAY 30, 2023 AT 2:00 PM

ALL THOSE LOTS OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON (if any) situated in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, known as 1312 13th Street, NW, Unit 1, Washington, DC 20005 (Lot 2232 in Square 0243), 1312 13th Street, NW, Unit 3, Washington, DC 20005 (Lot 2234 in Square 0243), and 1312 13th Street, NW, Unit 6, Washington, DC 20005 (Lot 2237 in Square 0243), and more fully described in the Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition, with no warranty of any kind, and subject to conditions, restrictions, agreements, liens, and encumbrances of record affecting the same – except those encumbrances of record that are extinguished by operation of District of Columbia law by virtue of the foreclosure of the Deed of Trust. Without limitation, the property will be sold subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated July 30, 2021 and recorded on August 5, 2021 as Instrument No. 2021105897, from Borrower, as grantor, to Daniel Huertas, as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC, as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note dated July 30, 2021 in the principal amount of $3,455,287.00 made by Borrower, as maker, payable to the order of WCP Fund I LLC, as payee.

Purchaser will take title to the property subject to all taxes and water/sewer charges, if any. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $150,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of purchaser at the time and place of sale. Purchaser shall settle within thirty (30) days of sale. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds at settlement. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money from the date of sale to the date of settlement at the applicable interest rate set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust. Purchaser shall be responsible for payment of all settlement costs, including, without limitation, recordation and transfer taxes and fees. The noteholder and its affiliates, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

In the event that purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, the deposit shall be forfeited to Substitute Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including legal fees and costs, and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Substitute Trustee may resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser. The defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. Defaulting purchaser shall be liable to Substitute Trustee for legal fees and costs incurred by Substitute Trustee in connection with such default.

If Substitute Trustee is unable to settle as set forth herein, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Substitute Trustee reserves the right, in Substitute Trustee's sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

HARVEY WEST AUCTIONEERS, INC.

May 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 2023 12421345



850 Montgomery County

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

19401 KILDONAN DRIVE
GAITHERSBURG, MD 20879

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from William Dale Massey, dated May 13, 2020 and recorded in Liber 59606, Folio 464 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with a maximum principal amount of $502,500.00 and an original interest rate of 4.031%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

June 2, 2023 AT 3:44 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $50,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 458802)

Richard E. Solomon, Richard J. Rogers, Michael McKeefery, Christianna Kersey, Kevin Hildebeidel, and Kathleen Young, Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

18508 Hedgegrove Terrace,
Olney, MD 20832
Account ID 08-02310355

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated October 29, 2021 and recorded on November 8, 2021 in Book 64520 at Page 9 from MCR Partners LLC ("Borrower"), as grantor, to Daniel Huertas ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of WCP Fund I LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated October 29, 2021 in the principal amount of $555,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 18, 2022 and recorded on August 18, 2022 in Book 66156 at Page 226 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as substitute trustee under the Deed of Trust, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County located at 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on

JUNE 1, 2023 AT 10:30 AM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in **Montgomery County**, Maryland, commonly known as 18508 Hedgegrove Terrace, Olney, MD 20832, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $50,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

Russell S. Drazin,
Substitute Trustee

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

32 EASTMOOR DR. SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Doris N. Mongo and Moses Mongo, dated October 30, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33367, folio 506 among the Land Records of **Montgomery County**, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 4:08 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $46,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #2009-03297).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

9 CARAVAN COURT GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Vera Rose Allahyari, and Frida Rafizadeh-Rafii, dated April 14, 2017 and recorded in Liber 54241, Folio 383 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $225,000.00, and an original interest rate of 4.500%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

June 2, 2023 AT 3:40 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

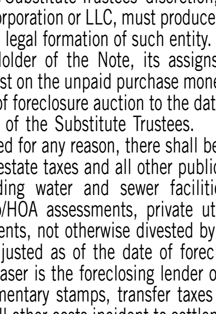
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TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 459172)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Ricardo D. Barrantes, and Magda T. Barrantes, dated September 15, 2010 and recorded in Liber 40203, Folio 387 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $384,000.00, and an original interest rate of 4.875%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

June 2, 2023 AT 3:42 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $33,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 451445)

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9039 SLIGO CREEK PKWY., UNIT #1802 SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated February 27, 2006, recorded in Liber 32018, Folio 680 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $245,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 3:58 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit No. 1802 in Parkside Plaza Condominium and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $23,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 85662-9)

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717 SYMPHONY WOODS DR. SILVER SPRING, MD 20901

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 22, 2018, recorded in Liber 56307, Folio 201 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $412,800.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

MAY 26, 2023 AT 2:52 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $40,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 355448-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

13124 WONDERLAND WAY, APT. #21-101 GERMANTOWN, MD 20874

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Geoffrey T. Smith dated November 6, 2009 and recorded in Liber 38417, folio 52 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

MAY 19, 2023 AT 4:16 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit Number 21-101 in Building 21 in the Condominium Subdivision known as "Phase 28, Buildings 21 thru 22, Farmingsdale Condominium" and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #06-02842565.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $12,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-002338-MD-F-1.

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13773 AVONSHIRE DR. SILVER SPRING, MD 20904

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated October 30, 2008, recorded in Liber 36207, Folio 178 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $200,091.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

MAY 26, 2023 AT 2:50 PM

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The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $17,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 354419-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

16 ROCKCREST CIRCLE ROCKVILLE, MD 20851

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Kevin P. Jay, dated September 22, 2006 and recorded in Liber 33108, Folio 213 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $402,500.00, and an original interest rate of 4.875%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

May 26, 2023 AT 2:40 pm

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Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $31,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 453470)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated December 14, 2017, recorded in Liber 55701, Folio 183 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $376,062.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 3:54 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $35,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 360220-1)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated April 25, 2007, recorded in Liber 34312, Folio 542 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $312,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 3:56 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and described as Unit No. 1-111, The Greens at Leisure World, A Condominium and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $19,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 356122-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**4215 CROSSWOOD DR.
BURTONSVILLE, MD 20866**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Stephen Matin Gilliam-Achamou, dated April 29, 2016 and recorded in Liber 52307, folio 467 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

MAY 19, 2023 AT 3:54 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Montgomery County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $26,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #18-601415).

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

**2702 SILVERDALE DRIVE
SILVER SPRING, MD 20906**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Chancharadeth Chum, dated May 9, 2019 and recorded in Liber 57656, Folio 441 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $50,000.00, and an original interest rate of %, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Montgomery County (Maryland Avenue entrance), 50 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850, on

May 19, 2023 AT 4:04 pm

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $5,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, including water and sewer facilities charges, ground rent, condo/HOA assessments, private utility, or front foot benefit payments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 459744)

This property will be sold subject to one or more prior liens, the amount(s) of which will be announced at the time of sale.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

**310 CARL ST.
ROCKVILLE, MD 20851**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated June 6, 2018, recorded in Liber 56294, Folio 462 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, MD, with an original principal balance of $382,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, at the Court House Door, 50 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, on

MAY 19, 2023 AT 3:44 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Montgomery County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $38,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 357005-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

**4906 Berwyn Road
College Park, MD 20740
Account ID 21-2318996**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated March 15, 2019 and recorded on April 10, 2019 in Book 41971 at Page 360 from T&S PARTNERS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("Borrower"), as grantor, to DANIEL HUERTAS ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of DP CAPITAL LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated March 15, 2019 in the principal amount of $151,430.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 1, 2022 and recorded on August 4, 2022 in Book 48009 at Page 532 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as substitute trustee under the Deed of Trust, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, on

MAY 25, 2023 AT 12:10 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in **Prince George's County**, Maryland, commonly known as 4906 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD 20740, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest. Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
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Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated September 15, 2017, and recorded in Liber 40110, folio 157, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $378,026.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 15-1736388

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $34,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 4.0% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-081052)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

**4613 BROOKFIELD DRIVE
Suitland, MD 20746**

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from BEATRICE H. LUMPKIN SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF LEONARD B. LUMPKIN, dated August 29, 2016 and recorded in book 39015 , page 191 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF21-14736; Tax ID No. 06-0482224) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

MAY 25, 2023 at 2:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 15,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0320)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
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By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from NAOMI T. MAYNOR, dated May 5, 2017 and recorded in book 39636 , page 117 among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. CAEF22-30069; Tax ID No. 18-2093151) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY courthouse located at FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:00 PM

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The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 18,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0411)

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust ("Deed of Trust") dated March 15, 2019 and recorded on April 10, 2019 in Book 41971 at Page 360 from T&S PARTNERS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("Borrower"), as grantor, to DANIEL HUERTAS ("Original Trustee"), as trustee, for the benefit of DP CAPITAL LLC ("Lender"), as beneficiary, securing that certain Commercial Deed of Trust Note ("Note") dated March 15, 2019 in the principal amount of $151,430.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated August 1, 2022 and recorded on August 4, 2022 in Book 48009 at Page 532 removing Original Trustee as trustee under the Deed of Trust and appointing Russell S. Drazin ("Trustee") as substitute trustee under the Deed of Trust, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, on

MAY 25, 2023 AT 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in **Prince George's County**, Maryland, commonly known as 4904 Berwyn Road, College Park, MD 20740, and more fully described in the Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate in effect under the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER. Cost of all documentary stamps (recordation taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

If Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

Russell S. Drazin, Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

**2702 KENTON PLACE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748**

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 29, 2007, and recorded in Liber 27870, folio 722, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, with an original principal balance of $393,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-0648055

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $15,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.58% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012365)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Bryson Stephen,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

**7117 MARBURY COURT
DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MD 20747**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to BRIAN J. EVANS, Trustee(s), dated December 1, 2021, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**, MARYLAND in Liber 46877, folio 8, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-SEVEN (37) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT TWO, MARBURY VILLAGE" AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT BOOK NLP 109 AT PLAT 13.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

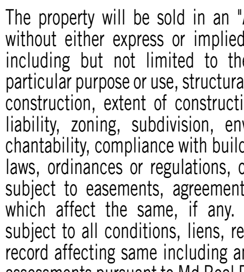
TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of $20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY BY certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 3.125% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. There will be no abatement of interest for any reason. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. There will be no abatement of taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments for any reason. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited, and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute trustees, plus all cost incurred, if the Substitute Trustee's have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. The purchasers waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with such a motion and expressly agrees to The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into a repayment agreement, reinstated, or paid off the loan prior to sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sol remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Trustee's File No. (82537)

Robert A. Jones, et al SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

11354 CHERRY HILL ROAD
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated June 2, 2021, and recorded in Liber 45766, folio 75, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $121,250.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-0075788

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $11,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-076147)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

3619 COUSINS DR
GLENARDEN, MD 20774

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated May 15, 2013, and recorded in Liber 34844, folio 580, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $181,649.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 20-2215606

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $16,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.25% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-083981)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

4307 19TH AVE
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated January 23, 2006, and recorded in Liber 25326, folio 064, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $495,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 12-1266723

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $32,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.91% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (20-079278)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

6332 57TH AVE
RIVERDALE, MD 20737

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated June 27, 2014, and recorded in Liber 36187, folio 257, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $224,852.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 19-2159507

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $16,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 4.50% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-020513)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

6805 CALVERTON DR
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20782

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 5, 2005, and recorded in Liber 22355, folio 79, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $365,500.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 17-1860758

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $14,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-044195)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY

KNOWN AS

9260 CHERRY LANE, Unit 33
LAUREL, MD 20708

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated September 10, 2015, and recorded in Liber 37464, folio 668, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $211,119.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 10-1070549

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $19,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.875% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (20-067032)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

1501 BROOKE ROAD
CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD 20743

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated December 23, 2004, and recorded in Liber 21468, folio 189, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $280,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 18-1999150

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $20,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.875% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (19-368584)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

3504 KEYSTONE MANOR PLACE
FORRESTVILLE, MD 20747

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated November 21, 2006, and recorded in Liber 26808, folio 058, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $516,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-0599530

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $21,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.53% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012350)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

4805 WHITFIELD CHAPEL ROAD
LANHAM, MD 20706

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated July 25, 2007, and recorded in Liber 28754, folio 83, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $405,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 20-2218063

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $25,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.99% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-054434)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

5604 AVON COURT
TEMPLE HILLS, MD 20748

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated August 29, 2005, and recorded in Liber 23287, folio 659, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $469,342.50, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 09-0868133

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $34,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.39% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (20-079358)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

3716 LEEDS DRIVE
SUITLAND, MD 20746

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated March 31, 2015, and recorded in Liber 36919, folio 376, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $185,574.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 2:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 06-0563346

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $15,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.5% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-074842)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

7615 MOUNTAIN VIEW WAY
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20785

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated October 14, 2005, and recorded in Liber 23835, folio 611, of the land records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $168,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT FRONT OF THE DUVAL WING OF THE COURTHOUSE COMPLEX 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

MAY 25, 2023 at 10:15 AM

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TAX ID# - 18-1997121

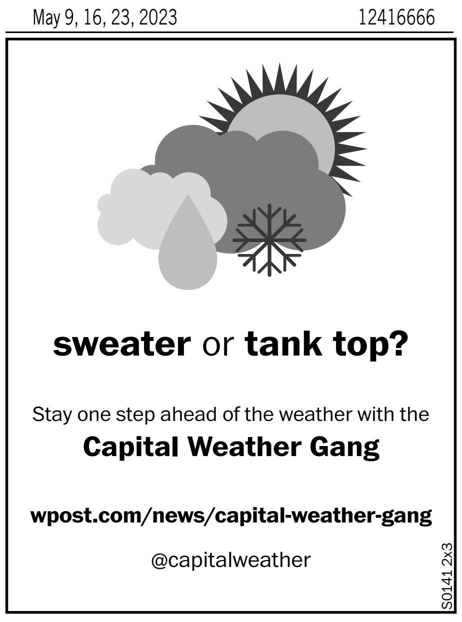
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TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $15,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 7.5% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (19-354182)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

3612 S. RIVER TERRACE
Edgewater, MD 21037

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from DONNA J. GERARD, dated February 14, 2012 and recorded in book 24361 , page 368 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-CV-21-001812; Tax ID No. 01-480-02807150) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

MAY 25, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 75,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0322)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

504 MARION ROAD
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY JANE WHALEY, dated July 7, 2008 and recorded in book 20426 , page 563, RE-RECORDED SEPTEMBER 25, 2009 IN LIBER 21588, FOLIO 337 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-CV-21-001622; Tax ID No. 04-323-04701100) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT GROUND RENT LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

Said property is subject to an annual ground rent in the amount of $180.00 due and payable on the28th day of February and August in each and every year.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 27,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 68612.0087)

SYDNEY E. ROBERSON, Substitute Trustee (s)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

789 ANNAPOLIS NECK ROAD
Annapolis, MD 21403

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from ALICE L. JAMES AND TRUSTEE OR HER SUCCESSORS IN TRUST UNDER THE ALICE JAMES LIVING TRUST, dated March 24, 2015 and recorded in book 28267 , page 80 among the Land Records of **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-02-CV-21-001793; Tax ID No. 06-000-90021001) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY courthouse located at 8 CHURCH CIR, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 4:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 33,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 44377.0343)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

6670 MACKALL ROAD
ST LEONARD, MD 20685

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated May 24, 2006, and recorded in Liber 02775, folio 394, of the land records of **CALVERT COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $544,185.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-014633

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $26,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 6.480% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-012388)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson,
Bryson Stephen, Thomas Gartner,
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

11428 STIRRUP LANE
LUBSY, MD 20657

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 5, 2018, and recorded in Liber 5180, folio 196, of the land records of CALVERT COUNTY , with an original principal balance of $194,413.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CALVERT COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 175 MAIN ST, PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CALVERT COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 01-077872

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $19,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 5.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (21-104616)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Bryson Stephen,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

26 Mooncoin Circle
Waldorf, MD 20602

By virtue of a power of sale contained in a Deed of Trust from MARY JOYCE NEVILLE, dated February 10, 2009 and recorded in book 6784 , page 94 among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY**, Maryland, default having occurred thereunder (Foreclosure Case docketed as Case No. C-08-CV-22-000402; Tax ID No. 06-013953) the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction CHARLES COUNTY courthouse located at 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 .

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:00 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and more fully described in above referenced Deed of Trust.

The property will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $ 33,000.00 will be required at the time of sale, such deposit to be in CERTIFIED CHECK OR BY CASHIER'S CHECK, CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for CHARLES COUNTY. Time is of the essence as to the purchaser. If the purchaser defaults, the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold at the purchaser's risk and expense. The purchaser waives personal service and accepts service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive any benefit from the resale, including, but not limited to, additional proceeds or surplus which may arise therefrom. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at five percent (5%) from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Substitute Trustee. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered at the time of sale or any time prior to settlement or if the settlement is delayed for any reason. In the event that the Secured Party executes a forbearance agreement with the borrower(s) described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust, or allows the borrower(s) to execute their right to reinstate or payoff the subject loan, prior to the sale, with or without the Substitute Trustee's prior knowledge, this Contract shall be null and void and of no effect, and the Purchaser's sole remedy shall be the return of the deposit without interest. Purchaser shall pay for documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, condominium fees and/or homeowner association dues, all public charges/assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, if applicable, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. If the Substitute Trustee is unable to convey insurable title for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to a refund of the aforementioned deposit without interest. In the event the sale is not ratified for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is the return of the deposit without interest. (File # 68612.0038)

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MARC MEDEL, Substitute Trustee (s)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

2144 BOXWOOD CIRCLE
BRYANS ROAD, MD 20616

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated May 15, 2014, and recorded in Liber 8561, folio 384, of the land records of **CHARLES COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $244,897.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 07-028768

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $20,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 4.25% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-054021)

Keith Yacko, David Williamson, Bryson Stephen,
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF
VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

5016 A SKYLARK DRIVE
LA PLATA, MD 20646

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated November 13, 2019, and recorded in Liber 10971, folio 392, of the land records of **CHARLES COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $309,294.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# -

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $30,500.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.625% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (22-013933)

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY
KNOWN AS

6855 GRAYMAR LN
PORT TOBACCO, MD 20677

Under a power of sale contained in that Deed of Trust dated April 15, 2013, and recorded in Liber 8207, folio 369, of the land records of **CHARLES COUNTY** , with an original principal balance of $393,800.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the appointed Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET (IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

JUNE 1, 2023 at 12:30 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD, located at the above address and more fully described in the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

TAX ID# - 02-011085

The property and improvements will be sold in an "AS IS" physical condition without warranty of any kind and subject to all conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, including any condominium or homeowners association assessments pursuant to MD Real Property Article Â§ 11-110 and Â§ 11B-117 .

TERMS OF SALE: A non-refundable bidder's deposit of $34,000.00 by cashier's/certified check or such other form as the Substitute Trustee may determine, in their sole discretion, required at time of sale except for the party secured by the Deed of Trust. Risk of loss on purchaser from date and time of auction. The balance of the purchase price together with interest thereon at 3.875% per annum from date of sale to receipt of purchase price by Substitute Trustees must be paid by cashier's check within 10 days after final ratification of sale. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event that additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. All real estate taxes and other public charges and/or assessments to be adjusted as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, any condominium and/or homeowners association dues and assessments that may become due after the date of sale shall be purchaser's responsibility. Purchaser shall pay all transfer, documentary and recording taxes/fees and all other settlement costs. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining possession of the property. Time is of the essence for the purchaser. If purchaser defaults, deposit will be forfeited and property resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser who shall be liable for any deficiency in the purchase price and all costs, expenses and attorney's fees of both sales. If Substitute Trustees do not convey title for any reason, purchaser's sole remedy is return of deposit without interest. This sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan secured by the Deed of Trust including but not limited to determining whether prior to sale a bankruptcy was filed; forbearance, repayment or other agreement was entered into; or loan was reinstated or paid off. In any such event this sale shall be null and void and purchaser's sole remedy shall be return of deposit without interest. File No. (20-069530)

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Bryson Stephen, Thomas Gartner,
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

1572 WHEYFIELD DR.
FREDERICK, MD 21701

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Paulette Long, dated April 5, 2010 and recorded in Liber 7798, folio 125 among the Land Records of **Frederick County**, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 12:25 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Frederick County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $18,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #22-600973).

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

3674 RIDGEVIEW RD.
IJAMSVILLE, MD 21754

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from David Herrod and Janet Herrod, dated April 21, 2003 and recorded in Liber 3754, folio 525 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof and at the request of the parties secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

MAY 19, 2023 AT 12:15 PM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Frederick County, Maryland and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

The property, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements, encumbrances and agreements of record affecting the subject property, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit in the form of cashier's or certified check, or in such other form as the Substitute Trustees may determine, at their sole discretion, for $17,000 at the time of sale. If the noteholder and/or servicer is the successful bidder, the deposit requirement is waived. Balance of the purchase price is to be paid within fifteen (15) days of the final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland. Interest is to be paid on the unpaid purchase price at the rate of 5% per annum from date of sale to the date the funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees, if the property is purchased by an entity other than the noteholder and/or servicer. If payment of the balance does not occur within fifteen days of ratification, the deposit will be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event settlement is delayed for any reason. Taxes, ground rent, water rent, and all other public charges and assessments payable on an annual basis, including sanitary and/or metropolitan district charges, and front foot benefit charges, if applicable, to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale, and assumed thereafter by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes (including agricultural transfer taxes, if applicable), and all settlement charges shall be borne by the purchaser. If the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the deposit to the purchaser. Upon refund of the deposit, the sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. The purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall assume the risk of loss for the property immediately after the sale. (Matter #22-600858).

The property will be sold subject to a 120 day right of redemption by the Internal Revenue Service.

Laura H. G. O'Sullivan, et al., Substitute Trustees

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 10, 2006, recorded in Liber 5975, Folio 414 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of $208,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick St., Frederick, MD 21701, on

MAY 26, 2023 AT 11:10 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon located in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $21,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note, or any modifications thereto, from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due to the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer, ground rent and front foot benefit charges, to be adjusted to date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All transfer taxes and recordation taxes shall be paid by Purchaser. The purchaser shall be responsible for the payment of the ground rent escrow, if required. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The purchaser waives personal service of any papers filed in connection with its failure to settle within ten days of ratification and expressly agrees to accept service by first class mail at the address provided by the Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title. If they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 146708-1)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sahia Elh Mahamadou Badamassi, dated October 26, 2007 and recorded in Liber 6787, Folio 0351 among the Land Records of Frederick County, Maryland, with an original principal balance of $199,000.00, and an original interest rate of 5.000%, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Substitute Trustees will sell at public auction at the Courthouse door for the Circuit Court for Frederick County, 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701, on

June 2, 2023 AT 12:20 PM

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and the improvements thereon situated in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. The property is improved by a dwelling.

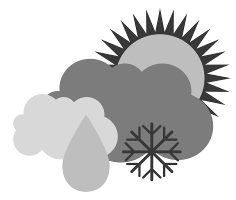
Terms of Sale: The property will be sold "as is" and subject to conditions, restrictions, easements and agreements of record affecting same, if any and with no warranty of any kind. A deposit of $13,000.00 by certified funds only (no cash will be accepted) is required at the time of auction. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Frederick County. At the Substitute Trustees' discretion, the foreclosure purchaser, if a corporation or LLC, must produce evidence, prior to bidding, of the legal formation of such entity. The purchaser, other than the Holder of the Note, its assigns, or designees, shall pay interest on the unpaid purchase money at the note rate from the date of foreclosure auction to the date funds are received in the office of the Substitute Trustees. In the event settlement is delayed for any reason, there shall be no abatement of interest. All due and/or unpaid private utility, water and sewer facilities charges, or front foot benefit payments, are payable by the purchaser without adjustment. Real estate taxes and all other public charges, or assessments, ground rent, or condo/HOA assessments, not otherwise divested by ratification of the sale, to be adjusted as of the date of foreclosure auction, unless the purchaser is the foreclosing lender or its designee. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses, and all other costs incident to settlement, shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. If the purchaser shall fail to comply with the terms of the sale or fails to go to settlement within ten (10) days of ratification of the sale, the Substitute Trustees may, in addition to any other available remedies, declare the entire deposit forfeited and resell the property at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser, and the purchaser agrees to pay reasonable attorneys' fees for the Substitute Trustees, plus all costs incurred, if the Substitute Trustees have filed the appropriate motion with the Court to resell the property. Purchaser waives personal service of any paper filed in connection with such a motion on himself and/or any principal or corporate designee, and expressly agrees to accept service of any such paper by regular mail directed to the address provided by said bidder at the time of foreclosure auction. In such event, the defaulting purchaser shall be liable for the payment of any deficiency in the purchase price, all costs and expenses of resale, reasonable attorney's fees, and all other charges due and incidental and consequential damages, and any deficiency in the underlying secured debt. The purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the property. If the Substitute Trustees cannot convey insurable title, the purchaser's sole remedy at law or in equity shall be the return of the deposit without interest. The sale is subject to post-sale confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. (CGD File #: 444541)

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY

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ELKRIDGE, MD 21075

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Marilyn D. Rawlings and Mark D. Rawlings dated November 29, 2000 and recorded in Liber 5293, folio 90 among the Land Records of **Howard County**, MD, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Howard County, at the Court House Door, 9250 Judicial Way, Ellicott City, MD 21043, on

JUNE 2, 2023 AT 9:15 AM

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with the buildings and improvements thereon situated in Howard County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust. Tax ID #01-286668.

The property, which is improved by a dwelling, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

Terms of Sale: A deposit of $76,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash within ten days of final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court for Howard County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate pursuant to the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received in the office of the Sub. Trustees. There will be no abatement of interest in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement or if settlement is delayed for any reason. The noteholder shall not be obligated to pay interest if it is the purchaser. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER. Adjustment of all real property taxes, including agricultural taxes, if applicable, and any and all public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges and ground rent, to be adjusted to date of sale and paid at execution of the deed, except where the secured party is the purchaser, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Condominium fees and/or homeowners association dues, if any, shall be assumed by the purchaser from the date of sale forward. Cost of all documentary stamps, transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by the purchaser. Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale forward. Additional terms to be announced at the time of sale.

If the Sub. Trustees are unable to convey good and marketable title, the purchaser's sole remedy in law and equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit without interest. If the purchaser fails to go to settlement, the deposit shall be forfeited, to the Trustees for application against all expenses, attorney's fees and the full commission on the sale price of the above-scheduled foreclosure sale. In the event of default, all expenses of this sale (including attorney's fees and the full commission on the gross sale price of this sale) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. The Trustees may then re-advertise and resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting purchaser or may avail themselves of any legal or equitable remedies against the defaulting purchaser without reselling the property. In the event of a resale, the defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to receive the surplus, if any, even if such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulting purchaser and the defaulting purchaser shall be liable to the Trustees and secured party for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses incurred in connection with all litigation involving the Property or the proceeds of the resale. Trustees' file number 22-001478-MD-F-1.

Diane S. Rosenberg, Mark D. Meyer, et al., Substitute Trustees

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE

4049 35th STREET NORTH
ARLINGTON, VA 22207

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated August 31, 2017, in the original amount of $1,650,000.00, recorded as Instrument Number 20170100018297 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of **Arlington County**, Virginia (**"Clerk's Office"**), the undersigned Trustees, any of whom may act, will on **May 31, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.**, by the front main outside entrance to the building housing the Arlington County Circuit Court, 1425 N Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia 22201, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property with improvements thereon:

All of Lot 18, Broyhill Forest (erroneously stated as Broyhill Estates in prior recorded deed), as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1040 at Page 40, among the land records of Arlington County, Virginia.

Tax Map Number(s): 03-035-077

This sale is subject to the restrictions, rights of way, conditions, easements, and mechanic's liens, if any, whether of record or not of record, to the extent any of the foregoing apply and take priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust.

Deposit of $100,000.00 by cashier's check shall be required to qualify as a bidder prior to the sale, except from the Noteholder.

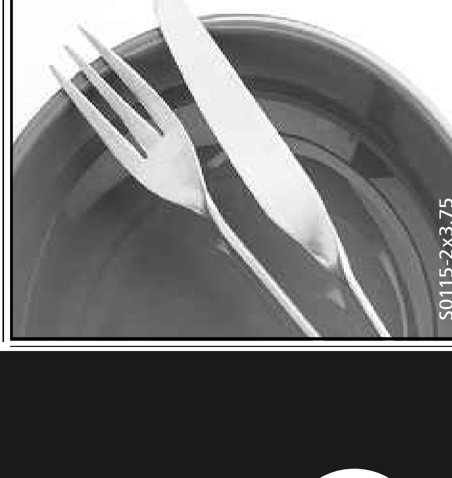
The deposit, without interest, is applied to the purchase price at settlement. Settlement will be held on or before fifteen (15) days after sale; time being of the essence. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Property shall be resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser.

The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by bank or cashier's check or wire transfer. Settlement shall be at the offices of the Substitute Trustees or other mutually agreed location. The Property and any improvements thereon shall be sold in "as is" condition without any warranties. The successful bidder shall assume all loss or damage to the Property from and after the strike down of the final bid at the sale. Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty including, but not limited to, the preparation of the deed, grantor's tax and if applicable, the congestion relief fee and the Regional WMATA Capital Fee. Real estate taxes, prorated to the date prior to the foreclosure, will be paid by the Substitute Trustees. The purchaser shall be responsible for all assessments, sewer or water charges, and real estate taxes due from and after the sale date. The sale is subject to such additional terms as the Substitute Trustees may announce at the time of sale. The purchaser will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale incorporating all the terms of the sale.

Jeremy B. Root
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In execution of a Deed of Trust dated February 6, 2007, in the original amount of $100,000.00, recorded in Deed Book 19562 at Page 1283 in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court ("Clerk's Office") of **Fairfax County**, Virginia, the undersigned Trustees, any of whom may act, will on **May 23, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.**, by the front main outside entrance to the building housing the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property with improvements thereon:

Lots 1 and 2, PINECREST, Section 1, as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book T-12 at Page 567, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia, and Plat Book #2 at Page 64.

Tax Map Number(s): 072-1-06-0001 & 072-1-06-0002

This sale is subject to the restrictions, rights of way, conditions, easements, and mechanic's liens, if any, whether of record or not of record, to the extent any of the foregoing apply and take priority over the lien of the Deed of Trust. This sale further is subject to a Deed of Trust recorded in Deed Book 18714 at Page 2015 in the original amount of $749,000.00. In addition, this sale is subject to a Deed of Dedication and Conveyance, dated October 6, 1994, and recorded in Deed Book 9269 at Page 1259.

Deposit of $20,000.00 by cashier's check shall be required to qualify as a bidder prior to the sale, except from the Noteholder.

The deposit, without interest, is applied to the purchase price at settlement. Settlement will be held on or before fifteen (15) days after sale; time being of the essence. Upon purchaser's default, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Property shall be resold at the risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser.

The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by bank or cashier's check or wire transfer. Settlement shall be at the offices of the Substitute Trustees or other mutually agreed location. The Property and any improvements thereon shall be sold in "as is" condition without any warranties. The successful bidder shall assume all loss or damage to the Property from and after the strike down of the final bid at the sale. Purchaser shall be responsible for all costs of the conveyance, which shall be by special warranty including, but not limited to, the preparation of the deed, grantor's tax and if applicable, the congestion relief fee and the Regional WMATA Capital Fee. Real estate taxes prorated to the date prior to the foreclosure will be paid by the Substitute Trustees. The purchaser shall be responsible for all assessments, sewer or water charges, and real estate taxes due from and after the sale date. The sale is subject to such additional terms as the Substitute Trustees may announce at the time of sale. The purchaser will be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale incorporating all the terms of the sale.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

3049 Cahill Lane, Dumfries, Virginia 22026

In execution of that certain deed of trust in the original principal amount of $242,000.00 dated April 22, 2005 and recorded among the land records of the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court for **Prince William County**, Virginia as Instrument Number 200504260066023, as amended by an instrument appointing the undersigned as Substituted Trustee, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and having been requested to do so by the holder of the note evidencing the said indebtedness, the undersigned Substituted Trustee will offer for sale at public auction in front of the main entrance to the Circuit Court for Prince William County, 9311 Lee Ave., Manassas, VA 20110, on:

June 8, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

The property described in said deed of trust located at the above street address, and more particularly described as:

Lot 22, Section 8, WAYSIDE VILLAGE, Phase 1, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1743 at Page 762 and resubdivided in Deed Book 1784 at Page 893 (previously incorrectly referred to as 793), and as per plat recorded in Plat Book 118 at Page(s) 73-82, Deed of Confirmation recorded in Deed Book 1858 at Page 544, among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia.

For informational purposes only:

Tax/Map ID: 8289-44-6773

Property Address: 3049 CAHILL LANE

DUMFRIES, VA 22026

TERMS OF SALE: Cash or certified funds. A non-refundable deposit of ten percent (10%) of the bid price, payable in cash or by certified or cashier's check to the undersigned will be required of the successful bidder at time of sale. Terms of sale to be complied with within 14 days from date of sale or deposit will be forfeit and property will be resold at costs of defaulting purchaser. All real estate taxes to be adjusted as of date of sale. All costs of conveyancing, examination of title, state and local recording fees, grantor taxes, notary fees, etc., to be at cost of purchaser. The property and the improvements thereon will be sold as is, without representations or warranties of any kind. The sale is subject to all other liens, encumbrances, conditions, easements and restrictions, if any, superior to the aforesaid deed of trust and lawfully affecting the property. Sale is subject to post sale confirmation that the borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Trustee shall have no duty to obtain possession for purchaser. All risks of casualty pass to successful bidder at conclusion of bidding. Additional terms may be announced at the sale. The below company is a debt collector attempting to collect the indebtedness referred to herein and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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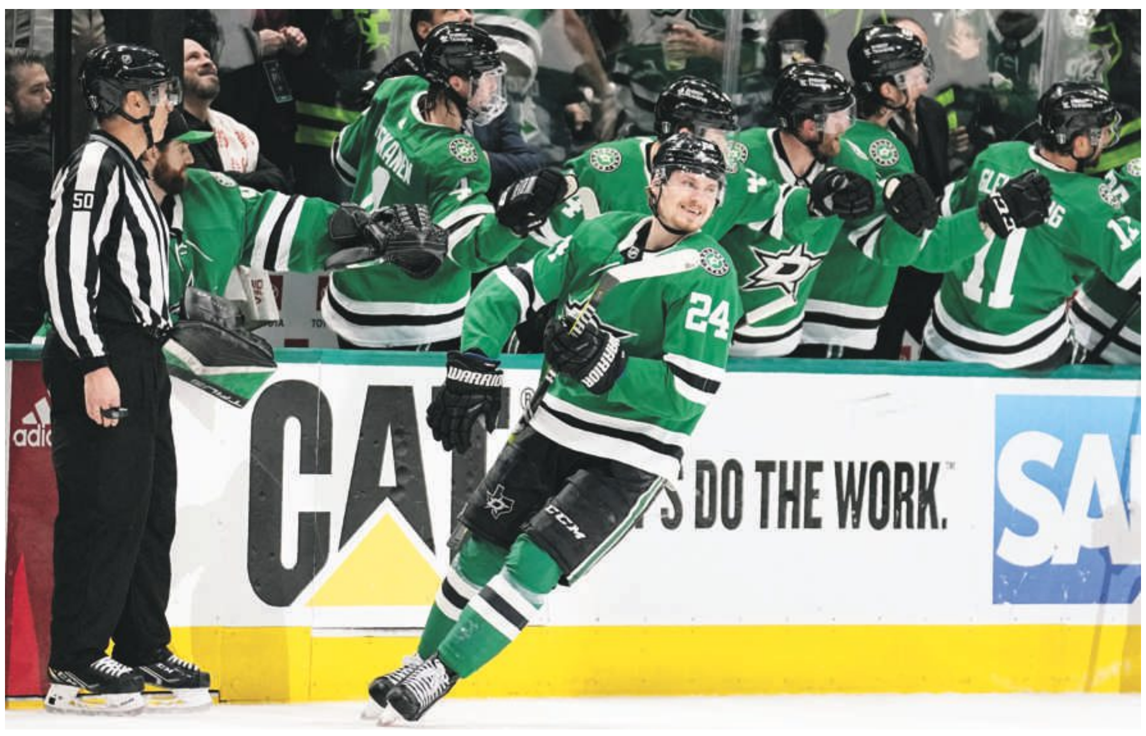
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Stars center Roope Hintz is all smiles after scoring a second-period goal against the Kraken in Game 7.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS ROUNDUP

Dallas shuts down Seattle in Game 7

STARS 2, KRAKEN 1

Matchup with Vegas looms in Western finals

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roope Hintz and Wyatt Johnston scored and the Dallas Stars advanced to the Western Conference finals with a 2-1 win over the visiting Seattle Kraken in Game 7 on Monday night.

Dallas moves on to play first-year Stars coach Pete DeBoer's former team, the Vegas Golden Knights. Game 1 of the West finals is Friday night in Las Vegas.

DeBoer improved to 7-0 in Game 7s, this being the fourth different team he led to a win in the finale of a best-of-seven series that went the distance. Darryl Sutter and Scott Bowman are the only other coaches to do that.

It was the fourth time in five seasons the Stars got a Game 7 — the others were all away from home. They hadn't won a Game 7 at home since 2000, when they made the Stanley Cup finals. In the only other Game 7 they hosted at American Airlines Center, the Stars lost, 6-1, to St. Louis in a second-round series in 2016.

Johnston made it 2-0 with 7:12 left, when he gathered a puck that ricocheted off the back boards to the left of the Seattle net. He then sent a shot that went off the shoulder and mask of goalie Philipp Grubauer before going into the net.

Grubauer stopped 26 shots, two weeks after he made 32 saves when Seattle won at Colorado, 2-1, in another Game 7 to knock out last year's Stanley Cup champion.

Hintz's ninth goal of the playoffs was credited as an unassisted tally and came with 4:01 left in the second period — the deepest any game in this series got before a score.

Oliver Bjorkstrand scored with 17.6 seconds left, preventing the shutout for 24-year-old Stars goalie Jake Oettinger, who finished with 21 saves.

It was exactly one year after Oettinger's 64-save performance in another Game 7 — a 3-2 loss at Calgary after Johnny Gaudreau's overtime goal ended the first-round series.

Oettinger improved to 5-0 after losses this postseason. He allowed four goals on 18 shots during Game 6 in Seattle on Saturday, when he was pulled 4½ minutes into the second period.

Dallas and Las Vegas will meet in the Western Conference finals for the second time in four seasons. The Stars beat the DeBoer-coached Golden Knights in five games in 2020, the postseason that was played in the NHL's bubble in Toronto and Edmonton during the pandemic.

Teravainen nears return

Teuvo Teravainen's roughly month-long injury absence appears to be near an end.

The Carolina Hurricanes forward shed his no-contact jersey and participated in a full practice ahead of the Eastern Conference final against Florida.

Teravainen hasn't played since he suffered a hand injury in Game 2 of the first-round series against the New York Islanders.

It's unclear exactly when he might be ready to play, though his return would be a lift for a team that has kept advancing despite injuries to top-line forwards.



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MEDICAL MYSTERIES



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He was going downhill fast

Despite treatment for deadly blood clots, a devotee of back country skiing found his health cratering

BY SANDRA G. BOODMAN

Mark Porter had just sat down to lunch at home when his longtime family physician called with an urgent message: Come back to the office right now. Porter, who owns an office products company in Rexburg, Idaho, had spent that November 2020 morning consulting the doctor and undergoing tests of his swollen, painful leg. He was scheduled to return at 2 p.m. to discuss the results. ¶ Porter's wife drove him to the doctor's office, where they were hustled into an exam room. Their panic rose as they overheard the doctor telling someone on the phone: "He's stable. We have an ambulance ready to transport." ¶ The doctor proceeded to tell Porter, then 47, that he had two life-threatening blood clots: one nestled deep in a vein in his calf and a second rare, and especially dangerous, saddle pulmonary embolism that was choking off the blood supply to his lungs. Porter needed to go straight to a hospital in Idaho Falls, about 30 miles away; doctors there were waiting for him.

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WELL+BEING

The best ways to exercise after a knee replacement

Your Move

MARLENE CIMONS

When former Olympian Joan Benoit Samuelson ran the 2022 London Marathon in the fall, she knew she was taking a risk. It would be her first 26.2-mile race since undergoing a partial right knee replacement in 2020, and many orthopedists warn that high-impact sports after knee replacement can hasten the breakdown of a new knee.

She needn't have worried.

"The knee felt good, and it was definitely worth it," says Samuelson, 66, who won the first Olympic women's marathon in 1984 and has set several world and U.S. records during her long running career. "I wasn't able to run at all before, the pain was excruciating. My surgeons knew that I would be running on the knee with the intention of running marathons."

Knee replacement, the most commonly performed joint replacement surgery, involves replacing damaged natural knee joints with artificial metal and plastic components.

An estimated 634,000 Americans underwent knee replacement in 2019, according to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS).

In Samuelson's case, she had the lateral — or outer — part of her right knee replaced.

The downside for her and other athletes, even recreational ones, is that engaging in high-intensity sports after knee replacement can cause excessive wear and loosening of the new components, and may require more surgery.

Knee replacement doesn't mean quitting exercise — doctors actually encourage physical activity. But it might mean switching to something that involves less "pounding" or adapting your workouts in ways that lessen the impact.

"Most orthopedic surgeons want you to be active but not abusive," says Nicholas DiNubile, a Philadelphia-area orthopedic surgeon and spokesman for the AAOS. "High-load repetitive impact is not ideal. A distance runner who is coming down hard on one leg at a time might have to consider a mind-set change."

In Samuelson's case, more marathons could mean a total replacement. "It was said at the get-go that I probably would be a candidate for a total at some point," she says. "I was willing to take that risk."

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HIDDEN PLANET

Here's the real reason the Vikings left Greenland

BY KASHA PATEL

After being exiled from Iceland for manslaughter, a Viking known as Erik the Red headed west in search of a new home. The bearded, red-haired explorer ventured 180 miles away, arriving on land that was not yet part of any European settlement. He spotted a green meadow and named the area Greenland, hoping to entice others to come. From about 985 to 1450, a small population of Vikings farmed and built communities on the island's southern coast. Then, they mysteriously vanished.

Scientists and historians have proposed many theories for their disappearance, such as plague, drought, pirate raids and temperature changes. Now, a study points to a key factor that may have prompted Vikings to flee their settlements: rising seas and subsequent flooding. The waters around some settlements may have risen by more than 10 feet over four centuries.

"The Vikings were experiencing perva-

SEE VIKINGS ON E2

An epidemic of loneliness: Readers share their stories

BY MICHAEL BLACKMON AND FENIT NIRAPPIL

When U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy issued a sobering advisory on loneliness in American society this month, he spoke with urgency about the serious public health consequences of an increasingly solitary population.

The risk of premature death posed by "being socially disconnected is similar to that caused by smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day, and even greater than that associated with obesity and physical inactivity," the advisory said.

"I want the entire country to understand how profound a public health threat loneliness and isolation pose," Murthy said in an interview with The Washington Post.

Post readers took note, with hundreds commenting on our article on the advi-

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Study: Flooding sent Vikings packing

VIKINGS FROM E1

sive sea level rise at the same time as other environmental, social, and economical challenges," Marisa Borreggine, a doctoral student in earth sciences at Harvard University and the lead author of the study, said in an email. "Several factors coalesced to cause the Vikings to reach a tipping point and abandon the settlement, and now we have a better understanding of the impact sea level change had on their society."

Sea level rise has previously been considered as an explanation for the Vikings' disappearance from Greenland. Other calculations have estimated that the nearby ocean rose by a few feet during their centuries of occupation. Farmlands were inundated and land disappeared. But the new study pinpoints the extent of sea level rise more concretely, and details when and how the ocean was rising locally, incorporating advanced sea level models and high-resolution topography.

The new findings show some settlements experienced up to 10.8 feet of sea level rise during the Vikings' residence — what Borreggine believes is one of the study's most surprising findings. That's about two to six times the rate of the 20th-century average. About 79 square miles flooded, about 1½ times the size of San Francisco.

About 75 percent of Viking sites were within roughly 3,000 feet of an area of flooding, the study found. Many ruins can be seen in the region today.

"The environment for the Vikings in Greenland was really, really tough and it was getting worse over the time they were there," said Richard Alley, a study co-author and geoscientist at Pennsylvania State University. "They're stuck in these little places next to the sea that are not very big, and they're losing them because the sea is rising on them."

Alley said evidence of the rising seas may also be seen in the diet changes of the Vikings, who shifted to more sea-based diets than land-based and agricultural foods.



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Remains of the Viking-era Hvalsey Church in Greenland.

Local sea levels can change for a number of reasons, Alley said. In this particular case, he pointed to two influencing factors.

First, the Greenland ice sheet near the Vikings was changing, and their land was sinking under the weight of the ice. The Viking abandonment occurred during the climatic shift from the Medieval Warm Period to the Little Ice Age, and at that time the southern Greenland ice sheet advanced and grew larger. Cooler temperatures and the development of ice would intuitively suggest that sea levels would decrease, but previous data and the researchers' model showed the opposite happened.

Think of Earth as a very, very slow air mattress, Alley said. When you sit in one spot, the mattress sinks near you and bulges elsewhere. In this case, added ice on the surface caused the land near the ice to sink.

"The land is moving under that changing ice," he said. "The Vikings were in very close to the ice sinks, as that ice was advancing through the latter part of this current warm period."

Second, sea levels were also drawn up by gravity from the ice sheet. Alley explained that the ice sheet was big enough that the ocean actually rose near the sheet. The growing ice pulled more ocean toward it and increased sea levels locally.

Archaeologist Tom McGovern, who was not involved in the research, said the study is very interesting and confirms earlier work suggesting that significant sea level rise affected Norse seaside pastures.

"I think this can be added to the long list of 'perfect storm' impacts that affected Norse Greenland after about 1280 or so," McGovern, a professor at the City University of New York, said in an email.

Paleoclimatologist Boyang Zhao, who was also not involved in the research, said such changes in the climate probably exacerbated other ongoing issues. In his own recent research, his team has found a prolonged drying trend that likely limited land-based Viking food supplies. He said the new paper explores another angle of climate change — from the seas.

"It is almost impossible at this stage to attribute the demise of [the] Eastern Settlement to one particular factor," Zhao, a researcher at Brown University, said in an email. "All those climate-related factors will be added to all other factors (ivory trade, etc.), and those led to worsened living conditions for the Norse settlers."

Borreggine said the multitude of difficulties the Vikings experienced can be compared to concerns we face now, as modern humans experience climate change on top of other social, political and economic challenges. But while Borreggine said the Vikings could not control factors like the Little Ice Age, "We have the chance to mitigate the effects of climate change today."

Alley said that people today who live near rising seas could learn from the way the Vikings adapted before fleeing.

"They showed this great resilience, this great adaptability to live there through some centuries of sea level rise before they left."

SCIENCE NEWS

Saurona butterflies get eye-catching name of Tolkien villain to raise conservation interest

BY ANNABELLE TIMSIT

Scientists have named a new group of butterflies with dark eye-shaped patterns on their orange wings after Sauron, the omnipresent evil lord in J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings novels — what the Natural History Museum in London called an "homage to an eye-conic villain."

An international research group has identified two species of butterflies in the newly named *Saurona* genus — *Saurona triangula* and *Saurona aurigera* — and believe that more exist.

The discovery is part of a 10-year study of the *Euptychiina* group of butterflies. The findings were published in the journal Systematic Entomology.

Researchers said they hope the eye-catching name conjuring the supreme persecutor of Middle-earth will generate more interest in butterfly conservation.

Blanca Huertas, a researcher involved in the project, named the butterflies. Huertas, a senior curator of butterflies at the Natural History Museum in London, said she was inspired by the eye-like patterns on their wings. But she also drew parallels between the battle to preserve species on the verge of extinction and the story of Lord of the Rings — one of good defeating evil against every odd. The world, she said, needs an "army" of people to "get involved in getting worried about nature."

The Saurona group of butterflies comes from the Amazon rainforest, a refuge for an incredible diversity of natural species that is under pressure from deforestation, drought and fires tied to climate change and human activity, including cattle ranching.

They are part of the Euptychiina, a sub-tribe found largely in Central and South America and is "widely regarded as one of the most taxonomically challenging groups among all butterflies" because their small, brown appearance makes them difficult to distinguish from one another, the researchers said. Some of the Euptychiina species are threatened with extinction.

But the researchers were able to use DNA sequencing technology to identify and classify species within the Euptychiina by their genetics and not just their appearance, according to the Natural History Museum in London.

"Even then, studying the whole of the Euptychiina took over a decade as the team assessed more than 400 different species" as part of the museum's collections of over 5.5 million butterfly specimens, the museum said.

The scale and scope of the research has at times felt to Huertas like her own Eye of Sauron. She began studying the butterflies 15 years ago for her doctoral thesis and "knew there was a different group," but she didn't have the time to complete the research and publish it until recently, she said.

Some butterfly species are "threatened with extinction," she said. If butterflies disappear, birds will no longer be able to feed on caterpillars, and so on, "so, missing those tiny species that nobody cares about can cause actually a really big impact." A stronger response from governments and international organizations is needed, she said.

"If you put an attractive name, you get the attention of people and someone might read it and say, 'Okay, well, this is an interesting story, tell me more,'" she said.

Naming animal species after pop-culture characters is not unusual. A dung beetle, a frog and a dinosaur have already been named after Sauron, according to the Natural History Museum in London.

Astronomers at NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory have also named a galaxy — NGC 4151, which is made up of a supermassive black hole and surrounded by gas — the "Eye of Sauron."



LEFT: B. HUERTAS, TRUSTEES NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM; RIGHT: ISTOCK

LEFT: The eye-like patterns on the wing of a butterfly from the newly named Saurona genus. RIGHT: A depiction of the Eye of Sauron from J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings novels and films.

WELL+BEING

What to do if you get attacked by bees? First, run.

BY KATIE CAMERO

A family photo shoot turned into a nightmare when a swarm of bees stung a woman more than 75 times, said fire officials in the Buckeye Valley region in Arizona.

When the bees attacked, the woman shoved her two children into a car to protect them. She stayed outside and endured multiple stings. She was taken to a hospital and has since recovered. The children were not injured.

The Arizona Fire and Medical Authority said there was a superbloom of flowers in the area at the time of the March 30 attack, and the family didn't do anything to agitate the bees.

In a video posted recently to Facebook by the agency, bees can be seen buzzing around as firefighters swat them away and carry the children into their truck. They used F-500 foam typically used to quell fires to calm the bees.

Here's what you should do if you find yourself being attacked by bees, especially in late spring as the insects become more active, experts said.

Is it okay to run from bees?

If bees are attacking you en masse, they're most likely defending their home. Attacks by swarms of bees are uncommon.

Most bees are not aggressive, said Erika Thompson, a beekeeper with Texas Beeworks. "Bees and other bugs are running out of safe spaces to live and work, so as humans encroach on their environment, these interactions between species are naturally going to increase."

Run to find shelter as fast as you can in a straight line, which will help you travel the greatest distance within a given period of time, said James Nieh, an ecology professor at the University of California at San Diego who studies bee communication and aggression.

Aggressive honey bees can chase you a long distance and reach speeds of up to 20 mph, according to the British Beekeepers Association. But "you can run faster, especially when motivated, than bees can fly after you," Nieh said, because flying in a swarm, as opposed to flying solo, can slow bees.

Should I try swatting bees?

No, try to protect your face by shielding your nose, mouth and eyes, Thompson said. That will



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In a hive, honeybees swarm around their queen.

not only prevent you from flailing your arms, which will aggravate the bees more, but it will also reduce the amount of carbon dioxide you exhale, another bee agitator.

This means you'll want to avoid screaming as well, unless you're doing so to warn others of the attack, said Thompson, a bee expert with millions of followers on social media.

Bees typically target dark spots on the body, such as your mouth, nose and eyes, because those areas are most sensitive and will lead to "the maximum reaction," Nieh said.

This is why you might have heard that wearing black clothing can attract bees. An agitated colony, however, will sting you no matter what color you're wearing, experts said.

Be careful when covering your eyes while escaping, Nieh said. The last thing you want to do is run blindly and fall. "That's just a recipe for disaster," he said.

Will bees stop chasing me?

No, try to find a safe and enclosed space such as a building or car with the windows rolled up to separate yourself from the angry swarm, Nieh said. If possible, you can also take this step before attempting to run away.

Avoid trapping yourself in an area with openings that bees can fit through, such as a garden shed or cave, he added. Locking yourself in an unsecure space "is a strategy of last resort," Nieh said.

Should I jump into water?

Do not jump into a body of water. That increases your chances of not only getting stung when coming up for air but also drowning, experts said.

Angry bees may wait for you to come out and can track you via bubbles of carbon dioxide you might release when underwater, Nieh said.

Panic and adrenaline can also impair your decision-making and breathing, he said, "so you're quite likely to come up more often for breaths than you normally might, which will lead you to get stung."

The scene can be gruesome, Nieh added. "In the cases where people have died," emergency responders "have found bodies filled with bees because they've inhaled bees that have then stung them from the inside," he said.

Wait to remove the stingers?

If you can spot the stingers in your skin as you run, try to scrape them off with your fingernails, Nieh said.

The stinger is attached to a tiny sac of venom with a unique banana-like smell that releases "alarm pheromones" that signal a threat to bees at the hive.

"The sooner you can get rid of that, the less odor you're carrying that can attract more bees to you," Nieh said. "But definitely don't stop and try to look for those stingers. Get as far away as possible and then once you're safe, start removing them."

Removing stingers earlier will also decrease your body's reaction to stings because you'll reduce the amount of venom that seeps through your skin, Thompson said. Avoid pinching the skin during stinger removal, as you can squeeze this sac and release more venom.

Are kids more vulnerable?

Most people can tolerate 10 stings per pound of body weight, according to the Agriculture Department, meaning a 50-pound child could survive up to 500 stings but an adult could survive more than 1,000.

What are the treatments?

If you're severely allergic to bees, use an EpiPen immediately to reverse anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction that causes your throat to swell within minutes or seconds, making it difficult or impossible to breathe.

Do not use an EpiPen if you're not allergic to bees, Nieh said. It can cause side effects such as a rapid heartbeat and high blood pressure that may warrant a trip to the hospital.

All bee stings produce an allergic response such as swelling and itching at the site that can last for a few days, Nieh said, but only those with an actual allergy to the insect are at risk of severe reactions.

If you have been stung by several bees, you may need to go to a hospital for treatment, which will probably include antihistamines, epinephrine (adrenaline) and cortisone to reduce inflammation and improve breathing, experts said.

Single bee stings can be treated with a cold compress and an anti-itch cream or an oral antihistamine such as Benadryl, all of which are available over the counter.

You can also use a device called a heat pen — available from brands such as Beurer and Bite Away. When immediately applied to a sting site, it can destroy compounds inside the venom that cause symptoms such as itching, Nieh suggested.

You should go to a hospital if you notice swelling in areas other than the sting site, as well as symptoms such as stomach cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, low blood pressure and hives. This could mean you're experiencing a mild allergic reaction, which can occur up to 30 minutes after a sting and last for hours.

A bee sting will affect everyone differently. If you notice a colony of bees that might pose a threat to people, Thompson recommended calling an experienced beekeeper or bee removal specialist to evaluate the situation.

When in doubt, "keep calm and keep your distance," she said. "Bees probably don't want to bother you and you shouldn't want to bother them."

SCIENCE SCAN

WEATHER

Storm-induced power outages hit vulnerable communities harder and more often, study says

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

Spatiotemporal distribution of power outages with climate events and social vulnerability in the USA

Nature Communications

When extreme weather rolls through an area, a power outage may be on its heels. And some U.S. communities are at particular risk from power grid failures, research suggests — especially as human-caused climate change progresses.

The research, published in April in Nature Communications, finds that power outages cluster in the Northeast, South and Appalachia. Counties in Arkansas, Louisiana and Michigan face even greater potential health consequences of lengthy outages because of other social factors, the analysis finds.

Researchers looked at power outages between 2018 and 2020, measuring outages by hour at the county level. The study covered 2,447 counties, or 77.9 percent of all U.S. counties.

Overall, researchers found 231,174 outages that lasted an hour or more during the study period, and 17,484 that lasted eight or more hours. Of these, 62.1 percent had occurred alongside "extreme weather/climate events."

Lengthy outages are of particular concern because they can affect people who rely on electrically powered medical or mobility devices or need medications refrigerated. These "medically relevant" outages peaked during late spring and midsummer, researchers found.

Clusters of counties in Louisiana, Arkansas and northern Michigan had more outages and higher scores on the Social Vulnerability Index, a federal measure of factors such as poverty and overcrowded housing that can make it harder for communities to prepare for or respond to emergency events. The information could be used to improve disaster response and reduce the potential health effects of such outages, researchers write.

Severe weather increased the likelihood of lengthy outages, the analysis found, with long outages 10 times more common on days with multiple severe weather events and 51.6 percent more likely on days with simultaneous heavy rain, high heat and a tropical cyclone.

"We look at weather reports and decide whether or not to bring an umbrella or stay home," said Joan Casey, an assistant professor in the University of Washington's Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences who led the research, in a news release. "But thinking about being prepared for an outage when one of these events is rolling through is a new element to consider."

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BIG NUMBER

54 percent

Adults who felt they had experienced a high level of discrimination at work were 54 percent more likely to develop high blood pressure (hypertension) than were those who reported little or no workplace discrimination, according to research published in the Journal of the American Heart Association. By comparison, those who reported intermediate levels of discrimination were 22 percent more likely to have high blood pressure than were workers who reported less discrimination. The findings stem from the researchers' tracking of 1,246 workers for about eight years, with 319 participants developing high blood pressure in that time. None of the participants had high blood pressure at the start of the study. Their reports of discrimination included experiencing unfair conditions or unpleasant treatment at work because of personal characteristics, particularly race, sex or age. Examples of discrimination included feeling more closely watched than other workers, or feeling ignored or not taken seriously by a boss. Some in the study cited workers' or supervisors' use of ethnic, racial or sexual slurs or jokes, and some said job promotions were not given fairly. The more exposure people had to discrimination, the greater their likelihood of developing high blood pressure, the researchers found, even after adjusting for such things as diet, exercise, smoking and alcohol consumption. Nearly half of U.S. adults (47 percent) have high blood pressure, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. High blood pressure, which causes the heart to pump harder, can lead to such serious health conditions as heart attacks, stroke, heart failure, kidney failure and more. But many people — about 1 in 3 adults with high blood pressure — do not know they have it, according to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Noting that adults spend about a third of their time at work per day, the researchers wrote that their findings on the adverse health effects of workplace discrimination "indicate a need for government and employer policy interventions" to curb discrimination and protect workers' health.

— Linda Searing

HEALTH SCAN

MORTALITY

Global progress on reducing maternal, infant deaths has stalled in recent years, WHO says

BY ERIN BLAKEMORE

International progress on maternal and infant health is stagnating, the World Health Organization suggests in a report. Agency officials cited "extraordinarily high" rates of preventable maternal deaths, stillbirths and newborn deaths in a document released this month.

In 2020 alone, the agency reports, a combined 4.5 million deaths occurred among mothers and infants, including 290,000 maternal deaths, 1.9 million stillbirths and 2.3 million newborn deaths worldwide.

The analysis measured progress toward the United Nations' goals to reduce maternal mortality, end preventable deaths of newborns and children under age 5, and reduce stillbirth worldwide. To do so, member states have set health-care targets in areas including prenatal care, the presence of skilled health professionals at every birth and postnatal care for newborns.

But those goals are proving hard to reach, the WHO warns. Gains in the past decade were slower than between 2000 and 2010, the agency says, and the pandemic, climate change, humanitarian crises and other factors could further slow progress.

Sixty percent of the deaths occurred in 10 countries: India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Afghanistan and Tanzania.

Improving maternal and newborn health and survival and reducing stillbirth

World Health Organization/United Nations

To meet targets, the world would need to decrease maternal mortality by 11.6 percent annually this decade, compared with a 1.3 decrease each year between 2010 and 2020, and continue reducing stillbirths and infant deaths.

But, the agency writes, "there is the potential to save at least 7.8 million lives" by the end of the decade with stepped-up investments in health-care funding and primary care, reestablishing services disrupted during the pandemic, and fighting poverty, gender discrimination and humanitarian crises worldwide.

"Pregnant women and newborns continue to die at unacceptably high rates worldwide," said Anshu Banerjee, the WHO's director of maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and aging, in a news release. "More and smarter investments in primary healthcare are needed now so that every woman and baby — no matter where they live — has the best chance of health and survival."

FROM CONSUMER REPORTS

Better eating can help you get better sleep

BY SALLY WADYKA

One-third of U.S. adults say they don't get enough sleep on a regular basis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many are desperate to try anything — prescription sleeping pills, over-the-counter sleep aids, herbal supplements, teas, tonics and meditation apps — in their quest for better rest.

But there's a solution that's often overlooked, and it may be sitting right there in your kitchen: the right foods.

Just as diet can have an effect on the systems in the brain and body that control blood pressure, blood cholesterol, weight and other aspects of health, it can affect the processes that regulate sleep.

"We're finding more evidence that improving your diet can lead to better sleep," says Marie-Pierre St-Onge, director of the Center of Excellence for Sleep and Circadian Research at Columbia University Irving Medical Center in New York. "All of the research is pointing toward similar findings: The foods and dietary patterns that are associated with better sleep tend to be lower in glycemic index [meaning they have less effect on blood sugar levels], low in saturated fat, low in added sugars and high in fiber."

The reverse is equally true. Foods with the opposite attributes can get in the way of a good night's sleep.

Good diet strategies

When you build your diet around foods that fit those criteria, you end up with something that looks like the Mediterranean diet — a way of eating that emphasizes plant-based foods, including lots of fruits, vegetables, legumes, whole grains and healthy sources of fat (such as olive oil, nuts and avocados), while limiting red meat, sweets and refined carbohydrates (such as foods made with white flour). Studies examining the relationship between this pattern of eating and better sleep have shown promising results.

For example, a 2020 study published in the journal Nutrients followed more than 400 U.S. women for a year to see whether compliance with the Mediterranean diet affected their sleep quality. Those with the greatest adherence to this way of eating had 30 percent lower sleep disturbance scores (meaning they got more solid rest) than those with the lowest adherence.

Certain categories of foods — fruits, vegetables and legumes — stood out for their positive effects on various measures of sleep quality. "Legume consumption was associated with better sleep overall," says Brooke Aggarwal, an assistant professor of medical sciences at Columbia University Medical Center in New York, and one of the study authors. "And the effects were dose-dependent — the more servings of legumes they ate, the more significant improvement they had in sleep efficiency." (Sleep efficiency is the ratio of how many hours you sleep to how many hours you spend in bed.)

But it's not that the Mediterranean diet necessarily has magic abilities to enhance sleep. "It's the healthy components of that way of eating — more fruits and vegetables, legumes, whole grains, and healthy fats," St-Onge says. "You can focus on eating those foods in any predominantly plant-based diet."

Advantages of better eating

There are several possible explanations for how a healthy plant-based diet enhances sleep.

"All of the foods plentiful in the Mediterranean diet are rich sources of fiber, which has beneficial effects on the gut microbiome," Aggarwal says. A healthier gut and better sleep are connected by various mechanisms. "The gut and brain communicate via the gut-brain axis," she says. "Specific to sleep, the gut microbiome is thought to send signals that help to regulate circadian rhythms."

Circadian rhythms, part of the body's internal clock, are controlled by daylight and darkness and affect many body processes, including hormonal activity and the sleep-wake cycle. Additionally, the gut is involved in the synthesis of serotonin, a neurotransmitter that promotes better mood and is an important component for regulating sleep.

Higher fruit and vegetable consumption as part of a plant-based diet also means greater intake of beneficial antioxidant compounds called polyphenols. Emerging research points to an association between these compounds and improvements in sleep. "Polyphenols have effects on the autonomic nervous system and can increase heart rate variability [the fluctuation in time between heartbeats]," St-Onge says. Higher heart rate variability is a sign you're in a relaxed state and is associated with better sleep quality, she says. Some polyphenols also act on receptors in the brain that promote sleep.


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Plant foods can enhance the production of the sleep hormone melatonin. Legumes, soy, leafy greens and seeds are all rich sources of tryptophan, an amino acid (a building block of protein) that the body uses to make melatonin. Turkey and dairy are often cited as the best sources of tryptophan. But the tryptophan in those high-protein foods isn't actually synthesized as efficiently in the brain as the tryptophan from plant foods. That may be in part because you also need B vitamins and carbohydrates to process tryptophan — both of which you get when you eat a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, legumes and whole grains.

Wrecking your sleep

In addition to leaving you feeling tired, not getting enough sleep affects various processes in your brain and body that can lead to unhealthy food choices. Sleeping too few hours may increase hormones that stimulate appetite as well as suppress those that signal satiety. At the same time, short sleep duration appears to activate the reward centers in the brain — increasing cravings for high-sugar, high-fat snack foods.

"If you have good sleep, you tend to make better choices in all aspects of your life — eating healthier foods, taking the stairs instead of the elevator," St-Onge says. "And when you don't have good sleep, you tend to go for the easier, less healthy choices — more processed foods, more snacks, more sugar, less exercise. And this vicious cycle perpetuates itself."

A habitually unhealthy eating pattern (that may be exacerbated by not sleeping well) can in turn lead to more sleepless nights.

Along with obvious sleep-wreckers like alcohol and caffeine, foods that are high in fat, sugar and saturated fat have been shown to hurt sleep quality. For example, a small study led by St-Onge, published in the Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine in 2016, found that when participants ate more sugar, refined carbs and saturated fat, it took them longer to fall asleep and they spent less time in the deep, restorative short wave sleep phase.

Can specific foods help?

Over the years, there have been various studies of how eating individual foods could ease you into slumber. These studies were typically small in scale (and often funded by the food industry), but they usually resulted in lots of splashy headlines touting the miraculous effect of certain foods — such as tart cherries or kiwis. But experts caution against looking at a single food as nature's sleeping pill.

"I like to advocate for better overall dietary patterns for better health and better sleep," St-Onge says. "Including those foods can't hurt, but you can't negate the effect of a day's worth of a bad diet with a single kiwi before bed."

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His fatigue grew, despite treatment

MEDICAL MYSTERY FROM **E1**

"It was surreal," recalled Porter, who was shocked, but not entirely surprised, by the news.

The discovery of blood clots, which were treated with anticoagulant medication, was just the beginning of Porter's ordeal. The devotee of rugged back country skiing who had been in excellent health would spend the next 16 months trying to discover why he had grown so weak that he couldn't walk across a room without stopping to rest.

"I made it," said Porter, who underwent arduous treatment in August 2022 and said he now feels "fantastic." He said he wishes he had sought a second opinion more quickly. Instead, he kept returning to the primary care doctor who told him he couldn't find a reason for Porter's shortness of breath, chest pain or worsening fatigue and did not refer him to a specialist.

"I don't like waves and I don't like conflict," Porter said, who feared offending the doctor, an old family friend, whom he had seen for years.

Breathless

Porter's blood clots had likely been brewing for months. In July 2020, despite a daily exercise regimen that included weightlifting and water skiing, he began feeling increasingly short of breath. His doctor thought that Porter, who had a history of bronchitis and pneumonia, might have developed exercise-induced asthma and prescribed a steroid and an inhaler.

Neither helped. Several times Porter returned to the doctor, who didn't recommend anything new. In early November, a few weeks before he landed in the hospital, Porter's right calf grew so painful and swollen it was hard to walk. He didn't remember injuring it and thought the problem might be sciatica, a pinched nerve caused by damaged disks in the lower back. When the pain worsened he turned to the internet: A search turned up deep vein thrombosis, a blood clot that develops in the leg, as a possible cause.

Alarmed, Porter quickly made an appointment with his doctor. He apologetically told the doctor he was sure he was overreacting. The physician examined his leg and immediately sent Porter for an ultrasound followed by CT scans that revealed the potentially lethal clots.

During his two-day hospitalization Porter began taking blood thinners as doctors sought to determine the cause of the clots. They were surprised when he told them he hadn't injured his leg, taken a flight or had the coronavirus — all known triggers. And they were particularly surprised by Porter's age, lack of risk factors and level of fitness. Many people who develop blood clots are considerably older, overweight and sedentary or have an underlying clotting disorder.

Porter was shaken by his close call. "Nurses told me that usually by the time they see a saddle PE, the patient is already dead," he said.

Doctors told him he should recover after six months on a blood thinner.

But seven months out, he was still short of breath. By August 2021, Porter started experiencing chest pain and felt so exhausted he began taking a daily nap.

Worried that he had developed new clots, Porter returned to his primary care doctor in late November. The doctor ordered an ultrasound and CT scans along with a cardiac stress test. No new clots were detected and Porter passed the stress test, which measures heart function during exercise. The doctor, he said, told him there was nothing wrong with his heart and that he should not be feeling short of breath. His chest pain, the physician said, might be caused by acid reflux. He cleared Porter to ski.

Porter, who knew what acid reflux felt like, was skeptical. But as a self-described worrier, he said he wondered whether "a lot of this was in my head."

In late December Porter took a long-planned back country ski trip to British Columbia with one of his three sons. "I just kind of suffered through it," he said. He struggled to breathe at times and his chest pain was so severe it woke him in the middle of the night.

Once home, he discovered that his primary care doctor was on vacation. Porter made an appointment with a new doctor who sent him to a cardiologist.

The cardiologist put him back on the blood thinner as a precaution and ordered tests, including several to detect genetic factors that contribute to the formation of blood clots (they were negative) as well as a VQ scan, a pair of nuclear medicine tests that assess the flow of air and blood in the lungs. The scan is considered essential in the detection of certain lung problems. The scan was abnormal and a right heart catheterization, which measures pressure in the heart and lungs, indicated possible pulmonary hypertension — high blood pressure that affects the lungs.



MARK PORTER

In 2020, Mark Porter, right, shown with son Colton, began feeling increasingly short of breath.

The cardiologist then referred Porter to Idaho Falls lung specialist Allen Salem, whom he saw in March 2022.

Missing the diagnosis

"He got to me the way all these patients do — after a long period of misdiagnosis," Salem said. Like Porter, many have been mistakenly told they have asthma or heart failure or that nothing is wrong, the pulmonologist added.

Porter's history of blood clots for no apparent reason, his continued shortness of breath and chest pain, along with the results of the VQ scan and other tests strongly suggested one diagnosis: chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH).

This rare form of pulmonary hypertension is caused by clots that clog arteries, forming scar tissue that adheres to blood vessels in the lungs, narrowing the vessels and impeding blood flow.

Experts estimate that between 2 and 5 percent of people with blood clots will develop CTEPH, which doesn't respond to blood thinners.

But unlike other forms of pulmonary hypertension, CTEPH can be cured by a pulmonary thromboendarterectomy (PTE), a long, complex and demanding operation to remove clots. Nonsurgical treatment involves medication, but is not curative.

"To me, this is always at the top of my mind," said Salem, who diagnosed 10 cases of CTEPH in the past year alone. Among them was a park ranger whose sudden difficulty climbing hills had been attributed to his age and the mother of a physician who had been misdiagnosed with asthma.

"There's a lack of awareness (among primary care doctors) of what can happen after a blood clot," Salem said. "This disease is underdiagnosed and underappreciated."

Some doctors, he noted, are reluctant to refer patients to lung specialists when they cannot determine why a patient continues to be short of breath. Others have never heard of CTEPH.

In Porter's case, diagnosis was not difficult, Salem said. "He was only 49 and in very good shape, but he was more and more short of breath."

Salem advised Porter to reduce his activity level — Porter said he wanted to stay fit so he continued doing 60 to 100 push-ups a day — and referred him to specialists at the University of California at San Diego. Surgeons at UCSD pioneered PTE surgery and have performed more than 4,000 procedures, more than any hospital in the world.

A multiday work-up in San Diego was required to determine whether Porter was a candidate for surgery, which would be performed by Michael Madani, chief of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, who performs about four PTE operations per week.

Porter said his initial reaction to the diagnosis was "relief. I'd had people telling me I should be fine or 'We don't know what's wrong.'"

He quickly decided that he wanted surgery despite the risks, which include an overall mortality rate approaching about 5 percent. Individual centers have varying rates; Porter's UCSD records mention an overall mortality rate of 2 percent.

The day-long operation requires a highly skilled and experienced team.

Surgeons make an incision in the chest to access the heart and lungs, then place a patient on a heart lung bypass machine that is periodically turned off to create the bloodless surgical field necessary to visualize the clots stuck to the arterial walls. To avoid damage to the brain and other organs the body is cooled to about 68 degrees, a process called circulatory arrest. After the clots have been painstakingly removed, the patient is gradually rewarmed, the chest is closed and the patient is taken to the intensive care unit.

In Porter's case the logistics of sending his records to San Diego took about 2½ months, during which he anxiously awaited an appointment. He was given a date in late August; surgery was tentatively scheduled a week later.

In July, Porter, who needed a coronavirus test performed a week before his arrival in California, contracted a mild case of covid-19. "I was really nervous" it might delay surgery, he said. Luckily, he tested negative at the requisite time.

Porter and his wife made the 1,000-mile drive to San Diego, where they have relatives. During the work-up at UCSD, which involved repeating the VQ scan and other tests, a doctor told Porter he might not be a clear-cut candidate. Would he want to undergo surgery if there was only a 50/50 chance it would work?

"I said 'Absolutely, there's no other option,'" Porter recalled. At that point he was able to work three hours a day at most and required a similarly long nap. "I told her I can't continue to live like this. But I just felt really depressed that maybe they weren't going to offer it." His angst turned to elation the next day when he learned he had been approved.

Porter's Aug. 30 operation, which took nine hours, went "very well," Madani said. "He had quite a bit of obstruction in both lungs." Porter's heart was in very good shape, which is not true of many patients, the surgeon noted.

Although CTEPH sometimes recurs, particularly in patients with underlying clotting disorders, Madani said he does not expect that to be the case with Porter if he takes the blood thinner he will need for the rest of his life.

After four days in the ICU and another week in the hospital, Porter's wife drove the couple home.

Recovery was tougher than Porter had expected and some pain lingered for months.

In November 2022, three months after his operation, Porter was cleared to resume weightlifting. A month later he repeated the back country ski trip — an altogether different experience without the chest pain and shortness of breath that had plagued him previously.

Looking back, Porter said he wishes he had been more assertive in pushing for an answer and less concerned about upsetting his doctor. "I probably waited too long to fight for myself," he said.

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Coping with loneliness in a fractured America

LONELINESS FROM **E1**

sory. Older readers, in particular, spoke up — Murthy's advisory noted that seniors reported the highest rates of social isolation, and that the coronavirus pandemic was particularly isolating for older and sicker Americans.

In the spirit of Murthy's call to "mend the social fabric of our nation," readers shared touching, nuanced perspectives. Some also pushed back on the notion that isolation was bad for them, describing themselves as introverts who prefer solitude or distrust others in their community.

The Post interviewed several commenters who provided poignant snapshots of how they live their lives and how they attempt to find and nurture meaningful connection during this fractured time in America. Below are their stories.

Veronica Stevens

Another summer break looms for Veronica Stevens — it's a time when she could go weeks without seeing another human being.

The divorced 60-year-old teacher lost both of her sons, 27 and 26, in 2020 to different health problems and has struggled to make friends at work and church. She agrees with the surgeon general that being lonely and unhealthy go hand-in-hand. The Melbourne, Fla., resident suffers from asthma, arthritis and other diseases of inflammation — which are exacerbated by chronic stress. She doesn't exercise much with her sons no longer around to walk with her.

Remote schooling brought her peace, allowing her to grieve privately without being surrounded by co-workers talking about their spouses and children.

"I'm like, oh my God, they go home, and they go home to families, and I go home to four cats," Stevens said. "It can hurt."

She finds solace on social media, posting photos of her crochet work on Facebook and Instagram and basking in the positive feedback. She recently started practicing Buddhism, meditating, reading sutra scriptures and watching videos about dharma every day.

Stevens said she is still lonely, but she can function.

Mary Ramsay

Mary Ramsay questions Murthy's implication that loneliness can kill you.

The 63-year-old Vancouver, B.C., resident likes activities done alone — she reads four or five books at a time and practices the flute and piano. To her, early-pandemic Zoom work calls in her living room felt like an intrusion. Loneliness, she said, is about lacking the social support you need — and people have different needs.

"I don't want to be in a nursing home and forced to play bingo just because people think it's going to extend my life," Ramsay said. "That to me is a living death."

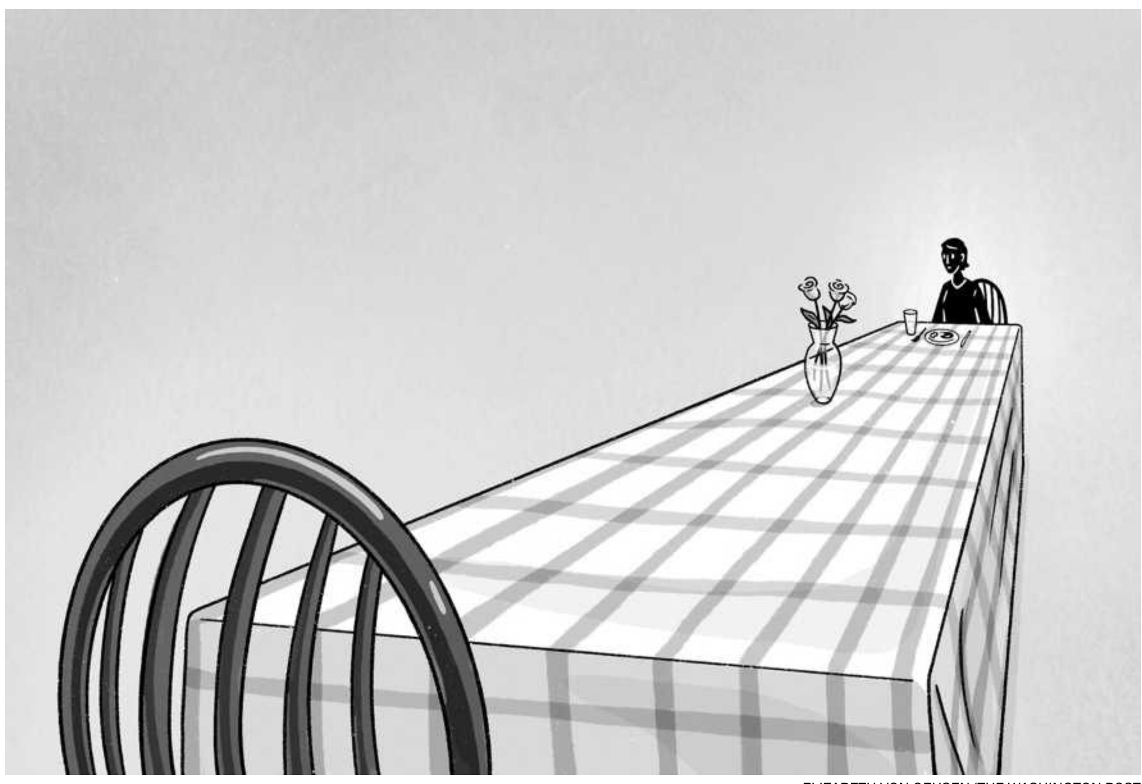
Ramsay stressed that she doesn't cast aside all human interaction. She calls her daughter regularly and wishes she lived closer. She plays cards with people, although she rarely socializes with them outside of poker nights. She used to be in a touring band for a vaudeville group, too, but it was hard to find a quiet space to read a book.

"It took me a long time to realize I am pretty solitary and that's okay, and I'm not going to die," said Ramsay, describing a struggle to overcome a social pressure to constantly spend time with others.

Antonia DeLuca

Antonia DeLuca used to sit alone on a bench in her southeastern North Carolina beach community, sulking through what a friend called a "Toni Pity Party." She and her husband had moved from New Jersey a decade ago in pursuit of sunshine for their golden years, but with no family or friends nearby, DeLuca spent much of her time crying and eating.

Things changed after another older woman sat down next to her on the bench one day, and they chatted about the beautiful scenery, the nearby pelicans and herons, and people walking by. They shook hands and went their separate ways without trading contact information, but "I got in my car and thought that was a turning point for me, maybe you need to reach out to people and stop being sorry for yourself," said DeLuca, now 76.



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Today, DeLuca calls a college friend every day. She joined a spin class, book club and small Episcopal church. She strikes up conversations at the grocery store, learning a salad recipe after helping a customer track down a missing ingredient in the produce section. She lives in a mixed-age neighborhood and is invigorated by the sight of young parents pushing strollers.

"I don't want to become bitter or angry or hateful, and that to me is part of what loneliness can do to someone," DeLuca said. "I've seen it happen to many people."

Mary Jo Drew

Mary Jo Drew can recall a time in the not-too-distant past when welcoming a new neighbor with a smile and an inviting dish was the norm.

"Even if they didn't bring a casserole, they'd always come over and maybe invite my mother over for coffee," said Drew, a 65-year-old retired physician based in Loveland, Colo. But, Drew added, that's no longer the case.

Drew, who said she feels a twinge of loneliness about three or four times a week, has tried fostering kinship with others. There are the women she sees on her daily walks around her neighborhood, people she will strike up a conversation with and make tentative plans to meet up with, yet for whatever reason those plans never come to fruition.

There's also the local church she stopped attending, one she had been going to since 2018, because of the lack of communication from members once her mother died in the early days of the pandemic. "My mom's obituary was in the paper," Drew said. "I never heard from the minister."

To manage her moments of loneliness, Drew said she will typically reach out to friends via call or text, and that usually allays the feeling. She also sits on the board of a local theater, where she can indulge in her love of the arts.

Jean Raber

Jean Raber, now 69, said she believes "purposelessness" and loneliness go "hand in hand." Raber was in her early 60s and had just started retirement when her mother died, and she felt the pangs of that "purposelessness" as she handled the ins and outs of her mother's estate in the year following her death.

"I walked around telling everybody I knew how much I hated retirement and how I might as well die," said Raber, who lives in Ovid, Mich.

But when her husband suffered a heart attack in the middle of the pandemic, she had an epiphany. "I started realizing, okay, you can't just sit here and whine about how purposeless you feel," Raber said, telling herself "You need to be more open to people."

Raber talked about the kindness from a nurse who "acted like I was the only person on Earth," while providing her with updates about her husband's condition. The admiration Raber felt for health-care employees during that saga helped her "reorder" her thoughts so she could stop being "a drag to other people."

Raber said her husband has since recovered and added she believes he was "really getting tired" of her once-negative disposition.

Raber focuses now on doing small things that have a big effect, such as knitting blankets for an organization that provides burial services for abandoned babies who have died. "Every day you need to ask yourself, how have I been useful or of service to someone?"

Holly

Holly, a 62-year-old retiree in Tucson, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, says she feels the grasp of loneliness "a little bit every day."

"Loneliness doesn't mean that you're by yourself," she said. "Sure, that's a facet of it, but I think it's about connection." Holly pointed to what she sees as a general lack of kinship among her fellow Americans. For her, a sense of isolation can be prompted by aggressive drivers on the road, she said, bringing up examples of people who tailgate or make obscene gestures.

That feeling of disconnection has influenced her behavior in some ways, she admitted. For example, when she eats at a restaurant, she said she positions herself somewhere in the corner of the room or close to an exit door, fully taking in her surroundings.

"There's not a lot of kindness out there, and that gives me a sense of loneliness," Holly said.

Holly still extends grace whenever she can.

"I try to tell myself that you never know what anybody else is going through," she said. "And people act out usually because they're hurting themselves. So I try to remind myself that it's probably not even personal."

Holly looks to and admires some of her neighbors, who have multiple generations of family sharing one home. Holly, who is married with five children — only one of whom lives at home — is trying to strengthen her family's bonds.

Among other things, she is simplifying family gatherings during the Christmas holiday season.

"We don't spend enormous amounts of money," she said. "We focus on just being together and enjoying one another's company and a good meal, rather than buying a bunch of presents."

WELL+BEING

No more 'girl' push-ups. Fitness experts say it's time for an ungendered version.

Your Move

GRETCHEN REYNOLDS

What you are about to read is a call to arms — and shoulders and pecs and abs, a guide to why almost all of us should be doing more push-ups and how to do them well.

Push-ups are a fundamental human movement. Babies push up to see their world. Adults push up to rise from chairs. Push-ups, as exercise, build strong, capable muscles in our upper body, back and core.

But push-ups can be surprisingly political, a harbinger of vestigial sexism in sports. People who identify as girls or women typically are encouraged to do modified push-ups, often called "girl" push-ups, starting from their knees, instead of the full-body version that is standard for anyone who identifies as a boy or man.

The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), which provides guidelines for exercise testing by fitness and medical professionals, still uses the modified push-up to assess women's upper-body strength, according to its latest exercise testing textbook, published in 2021. Men are assessed using the full push-up.

But most healthy women are capable of performing full push-ups, said Melanie Adams, a professor of exercise science at Keene State College in New Hampshire, who led a 2022 study of female college students and push-ups. The study, meant to provide data to help revise push-up standards, found that some female college students could perform more than 20 full push-ups without stopping, a total many men can't match.

Others, though, couldn't complete one, which opens the opportunity for them, as for so many of the rest of us, to start from scratch and soon double, triple or vigintuple (to increase by 20-fold; I looked it up) our push-up abilities.



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Cesar Mora and Micaela Calderon demonstrate modified and full push-ups.

Pushing back on knee push-ups

Push-ups are portable, simple and indicate how healthy our muscles are.

"Push-ups are great," because they strengthen shoulders so well, said Kelly Starrett, an expert on mobility and training and author of the 2023 bestseller "Built to Move." They are a "root exercise," he said, a way of moving that helps with many other exercises and activities.

To perform a full push-up, according to the ACSM standards, start facedown on the ground, with your hands situated about shoulder-width apart near the top of your chest, palms pointing forward. Plant your feet slightly apart, toes on the floor.

Push up until your elbows are straight. Keep your back and hips level. Clench your buttocks to activate the muscles in your lower back and core.

Breathe. Then lower your body until your chin and chest almost touch the ground and your elbows are bent to about 90 degrees.

Repeat. To increase your shoulders' range of motion, try slightly twisting your hands outward during each push-up.

You also can start from the lifted position and lower yourself first, if that movement feels more comfortable, although most fitness tests, in which you see how many push-ups you can do before your noodly arms give out, require you to start on the floor.

Can't do a push-up? Use the wall.

If a single push-up seems too daunting at the moment, there are options, Starrett said.

You can deploy a handy wall for standing push-ups. Stand far enough from the wall that your arms are straight when your palms are flat against the wall. Lean toward the wall, with your back straight and buttocks clenched, until your nose nearly touches, then push yourself back upright.

The wall push-up is a good starter move for people with sore wrists or little experience with standard push-ups, Starrett said. But your goal should be to progress to full push-ups on the ground, since they load and strengthen more muscles and improve your shoulders' range of motion better.

Those benefits also are a compelling reason to avoid the "girlie" modified push-up, he said. "Hardly anyone" who starts with the half push-up progresses to the full version, he said, meaning they miss out on some of the exercise's signal effects.

Another option is what he calls the "worm push-up," in which you position yourself on the floor, as in a regular push-up, and rise as far as you can. Then worm and wiggle the rest of the way. Your form won't look pretty, Starrett said, but the move will build the strength you need to begin completing the more conventional version soon. "This is how kids do push-ups," he pointed out.

Ungendered push-ups

"I've been strength training since middle school," said Elizabeth Winsor, an undergraduate student studying exercise science at Keene State College. "I've always trained with the full push-up."

It was "discouraging," she said, to learn at college that she and other female students would need to do the "girl" push-up during strength testing. So, she eagerly joined the team at Keene State studying full push-ups for female students.

During the study, she and her co-authors counted repetitions, on separate days, of full and modified, "girl" push-ups by 72 female students of varying body types and fitness levels. In general, the more "girl" push-ups someone could complete, the more full push-ups they also could do, with the mean being 17 "girl" and nine full push-ups.

The scientists then applied a formula by co-author and mathematics professor Caitlyn Parmelee to develop a new scale for assessing push-ups by women. In the current ACSM testing, 15 to 20 "girl" push-ups are considered "good" among women aged 20 to 29, while in the Keene College group's study, 8 to 11 full push-ups would get the same grade for that age group.

For young men, 22 to 29 full push-ups are considered "good," using the ACSM scale.

The push-up is the rare exercise that has "a double gender binary," lead author Adams said. In exercise testing and many exercise classes, the number of push-ups considered "good" — or poor or excellent — differs by gender, and so does the type of push-up itself.

"We'd like to see that changed," Adams said.

Contacted for a comment, Cemal Ozemek, director of the Doctor of Clinical Exercise Physiology program at the University of Illinois in Chicago and senior editor of ACSM's Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription, 12th edition, said the group will look into whether its push-up standards can be updated, with an aim to start using full push-ups for both women and men. The current assessments refer to data that were published more than 30 years ago, he said.

But the ACSM needs a greater volume of push-up data for women that includes all age groups before making any changes, he said. The group is hopeful the next edition of the exercise testing and prescription guidelines, scheduled to publish in 2026, can feature new push-up standards, he said.

For now, "It was great to see" how some of the female students responded after managing even a few full push-ups during the Keene State College study, Winsor said. They surprised themselves, she said, blossoming when they realized "how strong they can be."

Do you have a fitness question? Email YourMove@washpost.com and we may answer your question in a future column.

YOUR MOVE

Exercise after a knee replacement? Yes, but you might need a revised workout.

KNEES FROM E1

Younger patients join the fold

Until recently, knee replacement was largely the province of elderly patients with osteoarthritis. But experts say more younger people are seeking replacements now.

"It's not uncommon to have patients under 50," says Mohamad Halawi, associate professor of orthopedic surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. "Also, as techniques and materials improve, surgeons are more comfortable pushing the envelope for younger patients."

Mike Cook, 46, a heavy-equipment operator and mechanic who lives in Port Washington, N.Y., is one such patient. In April, he underwent a partial replacement on the inside of his left knee. Years of strenuous work had worn out much of the knee's cartilage, and he had to give up mountain biking, his passion.

> *"I usually advise them to use caution and moderation."*
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> **Mohamad Halawi,** associate professor of orthopedic surgery, on patients who want to resume running or other exercises.

Before the surgery, he says, "I couldn't walk. I had intermittent sharp pains that were crippling."

Even though he still is recovering, "the pain is gone, and I'm 100 percent better than before," he adds. "I have no regrets. None." As for getting back on that mountain bike, "I can't wait," he says.

Most people choose knee replacement when their pain becomes unbearable. "I tell patients: You are ready if your knee starts making your plans for you, or breaking plans for you, when you start giving up the things you love," DiNubile says.

Bernie McCabe, 54, of Haverford, Pa., underwent total knee replacement in both knees when he was 48 because of osteoarthritis and sports-related injuries. "I'd reached the point where I couldn't do anything," he says.

Since his surgery, he still can't run or play pickup basketball, but he plays tennis, hikes and walks 18 holes on the golf course.

"I could never have done that before," he says. "Getting this done was one of the greatest things in my life."

Eddie Frank, 71, a high-altitude trekker and founder of an adventure travel company, agrees. Hobbled by osteoarthritis, he underwent partial replacement of both knees in 2018. After recovering, he climbed Mount Kilimanjaro for the 54th time.

"The surgeries gave me my life back," he says. "I have no pain whatsoever. My knees will probably outlive me."

Sports, exercise post-surgery

Experts encourage knee replacement recipients to exercise, but they recommend activities such as cycling, brisk walking, swimming, doubles tennis (which involves less stress because two people on each side of the net share the effort), elliptical machine workouts, gentle downhill skiing and hiking, among others.

Repeated pounding can take a toll on a new knee, which is why basketball and long-distance running post-surgery can be problematic. But surgeons recognize that many athletes will be reluctant to give up such sports.

"For someone whose whole being is running or playing basketball, you have to have an educated conversation," says Christopher Annunziata, an orthopedic surgeon and the head team physician for the Washington Commanders football team. "You have to explain the potential risks. It's not something we would necessarily recommend, but we are not naive to the fact that some people will keep doing it."



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A runner jogs on a mountain path. Repeated pounding can take a toll on a new knee.

Halawi agrees. "I usually advise them to use caution and moderation," he says. "They feel amazing after surgery and want to resume what they were doing before. My goal as a surgeon is not to restrict them but advise them."

Jacqueline Hansen, 74, who won the women's division in the 1973 Boston Marathon and, in 1975, became the first woman to break a time of 2 hours and 40 minutes in a marathon, had total knee replacement in both knees because of osteoarthritis, the first in July 2021, the second in February 2022. (There is no evidence to suggest running causes arthritis; research shows it actually may protect the knees.)

Her doctor, too, told her to forgo high-impact workouts, and she listened.

"My doctor said if I do not run or jump, there's no reason these knees won't last 20 years. If I do run, he will see me again in five to 10 years," she says.

Hansen had already stopped running several years before because of pain and swelling in her knees and had shifted to taking long walks or hikes. But "when those became too painful, and walking was only possible on a cane, and I was totally bowlegged, I had to face the inevitable and decide on surgery," she says. "I am so grateful to walk again without pain that I am not missing the running."

Becoming just 'partly bionic'

Those who have partial replacements such as Samuelson probably can keep running for a time, because the procedure removes only the affected knee parts but leaves some of the ligaments and natural shock absorbers intact.

In a total replacement, however, the surgeon removes all three knee compartments — the medial, or inner side of the knee; the patellofemoral, or front of the knee; and the lateral, or outer side of the knee — and replaces them with parts made of metal and plastic.

"The ability to run with a partial is different from having a total," says Thomas Muzzonigro, a Butler, Pa., specialist in knee and hip replacement. "You're running partly bionic and partly yourself."

Partial knee replacements remain far less common than full replacements.

In 2019, only about 28,500 partial replacements were done, according to the AAOS. That's partly because many patients don't see a surgeon until the damage worsens, affecting the entire knee, or even both knees.

In addition, says DiNubile, only certain patients are good candidates for partial replacements — specifically, they should be relatively young with "very specific wear patterns" and arthritis that affects only one knee compartment; they can't be too knock-kneed or bowlegged, and they should be pretty lean.

But for some people, partial replacement is the answer.

Because it is less invasive than a complete replacement, "people tend to feel more normal," says Annunziata, who no longer does knee replacements. "We have seen people with partial replacements get back to the higher level with no problems, but we don't know how long they can keep doing that before the knee starts to break down."

Caution is important for those with partial replacements, because going from a partial replacement to a total one can be complicated. There often is existing scar tissue and debris from metal or plastic that has become worn, experts say.

Samuelson's right knee had been problematic for years, starting with a ski racing accident in high school. She broke her right leg, leaving it shorter than the left and causing a biomechanical imbalance in her stride. She won the 1984 Olympic marathon trials race only 17 days after arthroscopic surgery in the same knee, also on the lateral side. By her estimate, she has put about 150,000 miles on her knees.

She knows she must be careful. She ran the London race on only about a third of her normal marathon training mileage (and still won her age group), and she is uncertain about whether there will be more marathons in her future.

"I won't say yes, and I won't say no," she says, adding that she still hopes to earn the Abbott World Marathon Majors Six Star medal, awarded to those who complete the six major marathons: New York, Boston, Tokyo, London, Berlin and Chicago. She has run all of them except Tokyo.

"I don't expect to be able to run marathons forever," she says. "If I do have a total [knee replacement] at some point, I won't consider any more marathons. But, with less mileage and cross-training, I'd like to think I can still do an occasional 5K or 10K, so I don't have to stop running entirely."

Are you ableist? Take our quiz.

BY AMANDA MORRIS

Can you recognize when you're being ableist? Even well-meaning people can exhibit unconscious bias against people with disabilities.

Ableism is rooted in harmful stereotypes and the assumption that non-disabled people are the ideal. The Washington Post consulted 25 disabled activists and scholars, including representatives from several national disability organizations, to create a quiz that can help someone learn more about ableist thinking.

Read each example and think about how you would typically react to the situation. Then read how people in the disability community feel about the same scenarios. To take a longer version of this quiz online, go to *wapo.st/ableist-quiz*.



1. You see a blind woman at a busy intersection with no audible pedestrian signal. What do you do?

A. Ask her if she would like help

Good choice. This is the least biased answer. People with disabilities say they prefer this approach. You shouldn't automatically assume someone needs help just because they have a disability. But it's okay to offer help if a person looks like they are struggling or if there's a clear barrier to accessibility, such as no audible pedestrian signal or no wheelchair ramp. If the person refuses help, respect their autonomy and move on.

"People don't always trust me when I say I'm fine, and I can do it myself," said Isabel Mavrides-Calderón, a disability rights activist in New York. "Trust the disabled person to know their body best and know their capability best."

B. Avoid her. You're not sure how to approach a blind person

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. Ignoring or intentionally avoiding an interaction because someone has a disability is a form of ableism, said Michelle Nario-Redmond, a professor at Hiram College who specializes in stereotyping, prejudice and disability studies. This form of ableism may be fueled by the fact that you are afraid to approach them or are uncomfortable talking to them.

Tina Pinedo, communications director for the Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, believes that the instinct to ignore disability is rooted in society's segregation of disabled people. Before the Americans With Disabilities Act was enacted in 1990, many public spaces weren't accessible to disabled people, and in the past, disabled people were often sent to separate schools or institutionalized, she explained.

"We are constantly fighting to be seen," Pinedo said.

C. Introduce yourself, and take her arm to help her cross

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. Even though you are trying to help, this is actually a form of ableism known as "benevolent ableism," said Arielle Silverman, director of research for the American Foundation for the Blind. In assuming that someone needs help without asking, you are treating them as less competent or capable solely on the basis of their disability, she explained.

And by touching someone without consent, you are violating their personal space in ways that can be frightening or dangerous, said Vilissa Thompson, founder and chief executive of Ramp Your Voice, an organization that promotes self-advocacy and empowerment among people with disabilities.

The issue of consent also applies to wheelchairs, which should be viewed as an extension of a person's body. In the past, Thompson said that when someone tried to push her wheelchair without her consent, she almost fell out of it.



2. You see a story on Facebook about a teen who has cerebral palsy elected prom king. What is your reaction?

A. You share the post because it's heartwarming that teens would elect him prom king

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. It's fine to feel happy that someone with a disability was not discriminated against and was able to have a fun opportunity, said Amy Scherer, a senior staff attorney for the National Disability Rights Network.

"But that is different from making a big production out of the fact that this happened," she explained. A teen winning prom king is "not that big of a deal," she said.

This kind of story is often referred to as "inspiration porn," which presents disabled people who do ordinary things as extraordinary or inspirational. Often, these stories focus more on what the non-disabled people did to "help" the disabled person, said Mia Ives-Rublee, director of the Disability Justice Initiative at the Center for American Progress.

"What is so noxious about inspiration porn is taking away the ability for the disabled person to tell their own story," Ives-Rublee said.

B. You find it inspiring that a person can overcome their disability and accomplish great things

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. This kind of story is often referred to as "inspiration porn," which presents ordinary things disabled people do as extraordinary or inspirational.

While it may seem positive, it actually "otherizes" disabled people and reveals that you have low expectations for disabled people in general, said Arielle Silverman, director of research for the American Foundation for the Blind. In this situation, there's nothing special about a teenage boy going to prom — and the fact that he has cerebral palsy shouldn't be reported as exceptional news.

In some cases, disabled people are inspiring because they've done something extraordinary. To tell the difference, Haben Girma, a disability rights activist and lawyer, suggested asking yourself: "What am I inspired to do?" Reading about a student going to prom likely wouldn't inspire you to do anything. But if the student had done something truly impressive — such as raising money for a cause — it might inspire you to donate or do similar charity work.

C. You feel happy for the teenage boy, and you move on

Good choice. This is the least biased answer. In this situation, you are not viewing someone as inspirational for doing something ordinary, nor are you making a big deal out of the fact that non-disabled people chose to include him in their activities. In choosing this option, disability activists say it reflects that you have normalized disability and realize that disabled people live regular lives and do things just like everyone else.

Someone just existing as a disabled person should not be seen as "inspirational," said Emily Ladau, an author and disability rights activist who has a syndrome that causes joint and muscle weakness.

"I've had people say, 'I don't know how you do it, I don't know how I'd ever get out of bed,'" she said. This type of attitude doesn't feel like a compliment, she said. Instead, it feels like an insult.



3. You see someone on a dating app who is attractive and shares your interests. Then you realize they have a physical disability. What do you do?

A. Be honest with yourself if you don't think you can date someone with a disability.

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. Rejecting this person because of their disability wrongly assumes that dating them is inherently worse than dating someone without a disability.

"People make assumptions about what it would be like to be in a relationship with a disabled person without understanding that each person comes with their own set of circumstances," said Emily Ladau, an author and disability rights activist who has a syndrome that causes joint and muscle weakness and uses a wheelchair.

A common stereotype disabled people encounter in the dating world is the idea that whomever they date will need to take care of them, or they will be overly dependent. This makes it seem like disabled people are the only ones who need any kind of support or caregiving in a relationship. It perpetuates the ableist belief that disabled people are burdens on those around them, Ladau said.

"Everyone needs support and caregiving, it just looks different for different people," she explained. "They existed before you, and they know how to live without you."

And research suggests that rather than being a drain on the relationship, the act of caregiving can bring couples closer.

B. Ask them on a date and see where it goes

Good choice. This is the least biased answer. At the risk of overstating the obvious, people with disabilities want to be treated like everyone else in the dating world. If you're not interested, you should move on. If you want to get to know them better, then say so — which means disability isn't factoring into your decision. Nancy Horton, associate director of the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center, has this advice: If you have doubts, ask yourself: "If this person didn't have a disability, would I give them a chance?"

C. You realize this person has probably been rejected by others and decide to go on a date

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. While this may seem kind, it also assumes this person should be pitied and doesn't go on a lot of dates because they have a disability. In assuming these two things, you are framing disability as undesirable.

Dating a disabled person is not a form of charity that makes you a better or "good" person, said disability rights activist Isabel Mavrides-Calderón.

"It's this idea that if an abled person is dating a disabled person, they're somehow sacrificing, as if dating an able-bodied person is somehow better," Mavrides-Calderón said.



4. Which of these terms would you use for your child if they had autism and required some support?

A. Autistic and disabled

Good choice. This is the least biased answer. You are using accurate terminology to acknowledge parts of your child's identity.

These terms can be empowering because they reflect an identity and a culture, said Rochelle Baer, a licensed clinical social worker in Miami who provides leadership training to people with disabilities. "Disability" is also the term used for legal protections under the Americans With Disabilities Act, she said.

Terms such as "differently abled" or "special needs" are murkier, and in some cases can feel "otherizing," she said.

"The special needs terminology really rubs me the wrong way," she said. "Every time I hear it, I cringe because we're not special. And we all have needs, regardless of disability."

Ideally, parents should have a discussion with their child about what words they would like to use to describe themselves, said Chloe Rothschild, an autistic self-advocate who is the chair of the Arc's National Council of Self-Advocates.

B. Special needs and differently abled

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. You may have heard these terms before, but these are euphemisms that tiptoe around the word "disability," said Zoe Gross, director of advocacy at the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. "The word disability is not something that anyone should be ashamed of using," she said.

Emily Ladau, an author and disability rights activist argues that using terms such as "differently abled" rather than "disabled" reinforces the idea that having a disability is bad, sad or shameful. They can also make disabled people feel as though you are trying to cover up the realities of their disability, Ladau said.

"If you're not seeing my disability, you are ignoring a part of me," she said.

In particular, the term special needs can imply that the services disabled children receive in school are somehow a bonus or special, rather than an important part of ensuring equity, said Marcie Roth, chief executive of the World Institute on Disability.

C. You choose not to label your child

Not quite. This choice suggests you may have bias. While a parent's instinct may be to make their child seem as "normal" as possible to protect them from bullying or hurt, sometimes well-meaning attempts to "normalize" a disabled child can be harmful. Isabel Mavrides-Calderón, a disability rights activist based in New York, said that having a label for her disability is a crucial part of understanding who she is.

"When we deny people these labels, we deny them an understanding of why they work the way they work. We deny them their community," she said.

Zoe Gross, director of advocacy at the Autistic Self Advocacy Network, said growing up with knowledge of one's own disability is especially empowering for autistic people. Without this knowledge, they can't effectively learn to ask for what they need or advocate for themselves, she argued.

What your answers mean

It's important to remember that this quiz only included a few scenarios. While some of your answers may have shown an understanding of disability, it's still possible to have bias in other situations or against certain disabilities and not others.

Ableist thinking is common, and often we aren't aware of it. In a 2007 study, researchers used a test designed to identify implicit bias against people with disabilities and found that 76 percent of respondents showed an unconscious preference for non-disabled people. If you'd like to learn more, you can change your answers on the quiz to hear from more experts on disability.

Often we learn ableist values and beliefs from society, said Lydia X.Z. Brown, a prominent disability justice activist and attorney. "Those ideas don't come out of a vacuum," they said. "Ableism is so pervasive and deeply embedded in society that almost nobody ever questions it."

Disability activists encourage people to counteract ableist beliefs or behaviors by learning more about disabled people and their experiences.

You can start by reading books or consuming media about disability by disabled people, such as the Disability Visibility Project, which collects stories from disabled people. You can also follow disability justice activists or disability studies scholars on social media.

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